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Will Barry end up in a competition with Cardiff to see which area gets a vital economic boost?

'We want Enterprise Zone in town – and we want it NOW!'

– local campaigner demands

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

BARRY could be in a competition with big neighbour Cardiff, to see which area gains a vital economic boost by claiming 'enterprise zone' status.

The idea of an enterprise zone is that through a reduction in business rates, fewer planning controls, less red tape and extra capital allowances, it will stimulate entrepreneurial activity and create jobs.

A number of zones have been created in England – the latest being confirmed in Bristol last week.

In recent weeks, Paul Haley and local MP Alun Cairns have been pressing the case for Barry to become Wales' first enterprise zone.

The two men recently met Wales Office Minister David Jones in Parliament and outlined how Barry would maximise the opportunity, leading to ecnonomic growth.

However, Bristol's elevation to 'enterprise' status has alerted Cardiff Council leader Rodney Berman to the threat posed across the Bristol Channel, and he has warned that in the long run, Cardiff could suffer.

Mr Berman has written to the First Minister Carwyn Jones AM, saying it would be a disaster if Cardiff and Wales were left trailing in the wake of the west of England.

It sets up the intriguing possibility that Wales' largest town and the country's capital could end up in a competition for the benefits of becoming an enterprise zone.

Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride in Barry, pointed out that Barry has already been pressing its case for a number of months.

He told The GEM: "It is good to see Rodney Berman and Cardiff waking up to enterprise zones.

"However, Barry has been calling for an enterprise zone for longer and, in my view, makes a better, stronger case against the criteria laid out in Parliament."

Mr Haley went on: "It would make strategic sense for the whole of Wales if the 'Greater Barry Regeneration Area' was made an enterprise zone, and if this also included Cardiff, it would create a conjoined, economic corridor, linking the airport through Wales' largest and most economically successful regeneration projects, to our capital city."

Whether such a large area would be sanctioned is open to doubt.

Mr Haley stressed that there was a major difference between Barry and the capital.

"Cardiff has developed up to all its borders and yet Barry has large areas of brownfield development land available and will provide the natural potential that will be vital for an enterprise zone to succeed.

"Barry is the cog that will make this successful and I will continue to make representations.

"It really is time that the Welsh Government delivers leadership, now it has enhanced powers."

In the past, Mr Haley has emphasised that Barry has missed out on European funding because it is considered part of the 'affluent Vale'.

Vale MP Alun Cairns called on the Welsh Government to deliver an "exciting and innovative" enterprise zone programme in Wales, and specifically asked for Barry to become the first designated location.

He said he was concerned that momentum in Wales was being lost, while areas like Bristol were moving ahead.

Mr Cairns said that Mr Haley's campaign was "strongly supported", and the MP insisted: "The Welsh Government need to respond to the demands made by local people.

"Barry and the rest of the Vale has missed out on European money and was not designated as an area able to offer grants to local and national companies.

"This is our opportunity to catch up with neighbouring areas such as Bridgend and parts of Cardiff.

"The Welsh Government needs to respond to the demands of local people, otherwise it will be seen as another example of the Welsh Government missing out."

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Jane Hutt AM with Mr Russ and pupils at St Helen's Junior School.

Top marks for St Helen's junior school youngsters!

THE staff and pupils of St Helen's Junior School had an end-of-term celebration, following an excellent Estyn Inspection report.

The headteacher, Mr Russ, welcomed the Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, who was keen to congratulate the school on the results.

She said: "St Helen's Junior School has done very well indeed in the Estyn Inspection and I was delighted to congratulate the whole school – the head, teachers and pupils, on their achievements."

Vale Show set to beat record!

NEXT week's Vale Show is beating the economic downturn and has attracted more trade exhibitors than ever before!

A delighted show secretary, Nicola Gibson, confirmed this to The GEM, and said that visitors could look forward to a packed day.

All the traditional activities will take place in the show ground at Fonmon Castle next Wednesday, including a daredevil display by the Army's White Helmets motorcycle display team.

It is always one of the Vale's biggest days, when the rural community celebrates all the benefits that the countryside brings to society.

For more details of the day, see The GEM's special Vale Show feature, on pages 19–25.

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Barry, a raw deal?

'Pull the other one!'

A PENARTH councillor has launched a scathing attack on some GEM readers from Barry who he describes as "unrealistic" in their expectations for the town, pointing out that it does "exceedingly well" in comparison to other smaller towns in the Vale.

Coun Anthony Ernest says millions have been spent on Barry Island and that the council can't be held responsible for Butlins closing, or for building a new cinema.

In his letter to The GEM, Coun Ernest says: "If Barry is not positive about its future, then perhaps all this funding would be better placed elsewhere in the Vale – where residents really do appreciate what the Vale Council is doing..."

(To read the full, controversial letter, please turn to page 2)

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IT was with great sadness that I learnt of the sad passing of the local campaigner, Brian Osborne.

I had only really been involved with Brian during the past year through the non-political Barry Independent group FocusBARRY – Brian was the vice-chair of this group. His mission was to improve Barry for the good of all and he hoped to see changes in local government.

I had a lot of time and respect for Brian, as he was hardworking, dedicated and committed to improving all things Barry. His enthusiasm for improving the town was second to none and many Barrians, including myself, loved the way he strongly campaigned to get things changed.

Brian was also a successful businessman on Barry Island and got a great deal done in the area for the Barry Island traders. It was a sad day when he passed away, as he did so much – but always wanted to do more – for the town he loved.

Brian was a good inspiration to all who knew him and he will be a great loss to the town.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time.

Coun Richard Bertin
(Independent member, Vale of Glamorgan Council)

Let's stop whingeing

I DO agree with your correspondent who said we should 'stop whingeing' about recycling – we need to recycle as much as possible in the interests of the country.

With reference to Christopher Ware of Barry, who complained about the 'unsanitary nuisance' and smell – why not wash out all tins and plastic containers and anything containing food before placing in the relevant bins? This way – no smell.

Pam Burton, Porthcawl

A good day for reflection

I WISH to thank everyone who attended and supported our recent first anniversary open day and garden of reflection opening.

Although the morning started with rain, it soon brightened up and we were blessed with the sun.

I hope that everyone who visited the funeral home and viewed the horse-drawn carriage, new Mercedes cortege fleet and motorcycle hearse, was given an insight as to the services available.

We would like to thank John, our resident bagpiper, who certainly caused attention.

I also thank Barry Town Council Mayor, Coun Bronwen Brookes, for opening our garden of reflection. We have many plans for our garden in the near future.

Lyndsay J Ellis
(Principal, Park Independent Funeral Directors, Barry)

'Excess food leads to waste'

IN response to the letter criticising people who do not put food waste out, has it not occurred to them that some people do not have any food waste?

We have a compost heap for all waste peelings, banana skins etc.

Being war-time born and knowing rationing until the early 1950s, we were taught not to waste anything!

My grandmother's saying was 'wilful waste, woeful want' so rather than people criticising other people about not putting out food waste, perhaps people should not buy excess food and therefore avoid waste

S Griffiths, Boverton

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'BARRY DOES NOT GET A RAW DEAL!'

LAST week's issue of The GEM, brought home to me the totally unrealistic view of the Vale of Glamorgan Council that some of your readers in Barry appear to hold about developments in the town, and the alleged involvement of 'the Council' in so many things.

"No Butlins" says a reader, "no cinema, no Lido, high-density housing on green lung spaces, high wages, gold plated pensions, mismanagement – in fact, sack the lot of them!"

Good rumbustious stuff from (as always) an anonymous reader who does not have the courage to publish his or her name against a tale of mistruths and innuendo.

As a councillor who neither lives in Barry nor the rural Vale, but who does have to make decisions affecting the lives of people in Barry on a daily basis, can I just point out that, in actual fact, Barry does exceedingly well – in comparison with smaller towns such as Llantwit Major and Penarth, neither of whom receives a fraction of the investment that Barry does.

It was not the council's fault that Butlins folded in the town – it was the growth of foreign holidays at lower prices, and a wish not to be a Happy Camper any more.

The cinema was neither owned or operated by the council – it was a private owner who decided that the time had come to shut up shop.

The council is not in the business of spending ratepayers' money on building cinemas, and does not have that sort of capital money in any event.

As for housing, I was not aware that the former docklands were ever a green lung, and have, in fact, lain derelict for decades since all our shipping went offshore.

And then mismanagement – exactly what mismanagement one might well ask? – when Government auditors give the council excellent bills of health over a huge range of services that we provide to the public.

They would not do that if things were as shambolic as your readers like to insinuate.

Let's just see what Barry HAS had over recent years: Millions spent on Barry Island improving the facilities to the extent that visitor numbers have risen by 25 per cent in just 12 months; huge investment in a number of award-winning leisure centres, £9 million pounds of public money allocated over three years, to provide big grants for a range of projects throughout Barry – not least in the town centre, where many exciting events are being put on for Barrians throughout the summer; hundreds of thousands spent on community centres in improvements.

And what about the Waterfront Festival funded by the Vale, which provides a spectacular weekend of maritime-influenced events in September, and Play Schemes for our youngsters in the holiday months – and substantial funding towards the annual fireworks display which thousands enjoy?

I could go on, but won't – as I think that a handful of pessimists are doing more harm to Barry's image than all the efforts of the scores of people who are trying to help the town to help itself.

If Barry is not positive about its future, then perhaps all this funding would be better placed elsewhere in the Vale – where residents really do appreciate what the Vale Council is doing to improve their lives!

Coun Anthony Ernest, Penarth

Education is key to recycling...

THE Vale of Glamorgan's move to co-mingled recycling is bad news for the environment.

It is a very well known fact that the sorting of any waste at source is the best method available, which enables the recyclates to achieve their best market value as they are not contaminated.

Even the best recycling plants cannot achieve uncontaminated products; so a number of recyclates fail to reach the high standards required by the industries using them.

We, as many other residents, have invested in containers and bags for separating plastic, paper, glass, tin and cardboard; and are happy to assist the council in getting the best price for its recyclates.

With 76 per cent of the Vale's population signed up to recycling, why change something which is so successful?

The drive for ever higher rates of recycling is one of continued education; not changing the method of collection and the loss of quality and value of the recyclates.

(Name and address supplied)

Beach clean-up group's appeal

SOME of your readers may have already heard of 'Friends of Barry Beaches'.

We are a small but growing voluntary environmental group set up to help keep the five main beaches of Barry (Porthkerry Beach, Knap Beach, Watchtower Bay, Whitmore Bay and Jacksons Bay) clean and free of litter.

Most importantly, we help protect our marine animals from a sometimes lingering death, due to eating or getting entangled in rubbish left on our beaches.

We also try to recycle as much of the waste we collect as possible.

Recently, we have been shortlisted by the Future Friendly Environmental Awards and could receive a prize of between £1,000 and £10,000.

The winners will be decided by a public online vote.

May I ask your readers to show their support for the vital environmental work we carry out, by logging on to *www.futurefriendly.co.uk* and casting their vote?

It will cost nothing, but could allow us to organise more volunteers to help clean our precious marine environment.

Rob Curtis,
(Chairman, Friends of Barry Beaches)

After the centre closes, what then?

I AM unhappy to learn that Alexandra community centre, situated in Alexandra Park, will be closing its doors for the last time in September, and will then be knocked down, without any plans to replace it.

One of the many youth volunteers stated that a council official was not confident about a replacement, any time in the near future.

This centre is in Buttrills ward, which is on the border with Dyfan ward. The Vale of Glamorgan Council try to encourage opportunities and initiatives for people of all ages and abilities to take part in physical activity, so there shouldn't be a problem with decision-making and practising what they preach.

After this centre is demolished, Buttrills ward will be without a centre for community activities. This is happening while the police are trying to contain a youth problem in the ward, which involves anti-social behaviour, climbing trees, litter, shouting, and swearing in parks.

The real losers are the youth and adult groups with nowhere else to go – these groups will then, sadly, have to close, adding to the problems above.

Could those concerned in the closure and future of the park, allay the fears of the local community groups and Barry public, and give assurances that the community centre will be replaced?

Jeff Heathfield
(FocusBARRY supporter)

Sainsbury's: council should 'think of the wider picture'

I AM writing to express my disappointment at the decision to refuse the application for a Sainsbury's store in Park Crescent, Barry.

While I appreciate that the small traders may feel threatened by this proposal, in times where money is tight, consumers want to get the best buy possible.

I have a car and don't currently shop in this area, but drive through to go to Tesco or Morrisons, and often shop at Sainsbury's in Colchester Avenue, Cardiff.

I am aware that some of my elderly neighbours do not have this luxury and often are forced to pay over price for their groceries, as they do not feel confident to use public transport, or are unable to carry heavy bags for long periods of time.

I would be more tempted to investigate and shop at the smaller retailers if I was parked in that area already.

There is still a sought-after market for our small traders, but they need to be thinking about how they can compete with the larger stores - such as a free delivery service, or a more personal service, and providing a better quality of merchandise.

This will ensure their survival in the future. Come on, Barry Council, let's think of the wider picture, and not just from one perspective.

J and G Williams,
(for Garden Suburb residents)

'I thought cinema was planned at Waterfront'

I'M writing in support of the letter by Miss Karen Meredith, who rightly advocated a cinema as part of the redevelopment of Barry Waterfront.

Miss Meredith has hit the nail on the head!

Readers may recall that I wrote last year reminding those interested that the developers had taken a stand at the previous Water Festival, handing out leaflets in which a cinema was clearly shown, as an example of what could be built on the site.

It is unfortunate that at the time the planning application was presented and passed by the Vale, no one picked this up. It appears that the subject, or for that matter, any other kind of entertainment venue, was never even discussed.

Does no one on the council read the papers?

The Barry Town Survey highlighted the desire of local people for a cinema, bowling alley and bar.

The redevelopment of the second phase on the Waterfront has not yet started.

There is still time to act – if we have anyone on the council with the courage to show some kind of initiative.

David Lloyd, Barry
(FocusBARRY supporter)

We welcome your views on any issues involving the Vale of Glamorgan. Get in touch with us by email at: *gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk* ***and let the Vale know what you're thinking!***

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	11.18	9.9	23.43	9.8
05 Fri	11.59	9.5		
06 Sat	00.27	9.4	12.53	8.9
07 Sun	01.20	8.7	13.49	8.4
08 Mon	02.22	8.0	15.04	7.9
09 Tues	03.42	7.9	16.29	7.8
10 Wed	05.09	7.9	17.48	8.3
11 Thur	06.23	8.4	18.41	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Campaigner for hospital is honoured at the Palace

Gay Fifield at Buckingham Palace.

A WELL KNOWN charity campaigner from Barry, Gay Fifield, was recently one of the guests at a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

The idea behind the invitations to the palace is to reward people who have made a significant contribution to the local community – and no-one can dispute that Gay Fifield fulfils that requirement.

She has been a tireless campaigner for local charity events, often persuading Welsh celebrities to come along and put in an appearance free of charge!

Gay, best known for the service she devoted to Barry Hospital League of Friends, told The GEM that the invitation came as a complete surprise.

"I received a call in February from Jane Hutt AM's secretary, to see whether I would be prepared to accept a nomination to the garden party.

"I was able to take someone along and asked my friend, Beryl Morris.

"We went up the night before and had some time seeing the sights, and went to the show *Wicked*.

"On the morning of the garden party, there was rain . We hoped for sunshine, and fortunately it did get better!

"The palace gardens are gorgeous, and very big. It was lovely looking around.

"When the Queen came outside, she did not come out of the main entrance, she came out of a side door, and we couldn't have been closer to her."

Following some time out in the gardens, Gay and Beryl were able to go into the palace to view the portraits and pictures.

Gay is Barry-born and bred and when she left school at the age of 17, she first worked in the TB Reference Laboratory, before serving at Barry and Llandough Hospitals, and two nursing homes, College Fields and Parkhill.

In an 11-year period, the Barry Hospital League of Friends collected more than £60,000 to make patients' stay in hospital that little bit more comfortable.

Although officially retired, the desire to help others burns as brightly as ever and Gay now puts in two mornings a week at the Age Concern shop in Holton Road.

Local baptist church celebrates a notable double anniversary!

ABOVE:
A double anniversary celebration was held at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Barry recently for members Brennig and Phyllis Evans (left) who have been married for 60 years, and David and Betty Chapman (right) who were celebrating 65 years of marriage. Deacon David Townsend reported: "Both couples received a blessing from the Pastor, Rev Ken Iveson."

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'Rotary starts in the community'

– SAYS THE GOVERNOR

ROTARY'S District 1150 Governor Mike Parry was the special guest at the Barry Rotary Club's dinner meeting on Thursday, July 28, at the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

He shared his views on the Rotary movement, saying that although different Rotary Clubs operated in different ways, they all shared the same goal.

He felt strongly that Rotary starts in the community, taking on board such projects as Stroke Awareness and the eradication of Polio supported by the Bill Gates Foundation, as well as key links with youth opportunities through Youth Speaks, Young Chef and Young Musicians competitions, among many other charitable projects. Barry Rotary Club president Dave Ball warmly thanked District Governor Mike for a most interesting talk.

Barry president Dave Ball on left, and District Governor 1150 Mike Parry on right.

The District Governor's visit brought to a close a busy month for the Barry Club, who are now making preparations to attend the Vale Show at Fonmon on August 10.

They will be supporting Stroke Awareness by offering free blood pressure checks and also raising money for charity with their popular tombola stall – every ticket wins a prize!

Philippa Davies, from Parkinsons UK, recently spoke to the club, outlining the work of their organisation, and giving details of their services and campaigns to raise awareness of the condition.

Barry Rotary Club has since made a donation of £200 to support the work of Parkinsons UK.

The club's quiz team are also preparing for the first round of the district quiz on August 16 against Barry Vale Rotary Club, at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

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Fun day for residents and carers at Ty Gwyn

PICTURED: Rene Gannon (VHF), Coun Mark Wilson, Winnie Davies (VHF) and Kathleen Youles.

RESIDENTS and carers gave Coun Mark Wilson, Rene Gannon and Winnie Davies from the Vale Housing Federation, a warm welcome on the last day of a week-long Western-style celebration at Ty Gwyn Nursing Home in Penarth.

They were introduced to the residents and shown around the nursing home by Deborah Gale (volunteer co-ordinator).

They stopped to have a chat with Kathleen Youles, who is a remarkable 101 years of age.

The residents had only one complaint for Coun Wilson – the state of the roads and pavements, because the carers had great difficulty pushing their wheelchairs over the raised pavements and potholes.

The staff and volunteers provide a variety of entertainment for the residents, including computer lessons, bingo and indoor bowls.

The nursing home was opened (following refurbishment by MHA Care Group), by Lorraine Barrett and Coun Mark Wilson in December 2006.

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VALE PLANNING

Mr and Mrs S Phillips – **26 Heol Merioneth, Boverton, Llantwit Major** – proposed subdivision of existing property to form two dwellings with erection of side extension.

Mr Bryan Jeffery – **Holton Road Primary School, Holton Road, Barry** – installation of a new platform lift to give disabled access to main school entry and associated works.

Mr John Maitland Evans – **C1V Call Centre, Barry Leisure Centre, Barry** – new staircase enclosure.

Mr David Sims – **The Knoll, Love Lane, Llanblethian** – two-storey rear extension above existing ground level.

Open church

EACH Wednesday afternoon until August 24, the medieval church at Merthyr Dyfan, Barry, is open from 2pm-4pm. Admission is free.

Castle of dark deeds!

RHOOSE WI have been busy during June and July with a number of events and meetings – the first was a coffee morning at the home of Ray Reynolds, fine weather enabling visitors to enjoy her lovely garden.

The event was very successful, with the plant, cake, bric-a-brac stalls and raffle raising a substantial amount for the WI and the British Heart Foundation.

June 23 heralded the annual educational trip, with a visit to Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire. Members were able to explore the picturesque gardens and butterfly farm.

The castle was fascinating, with its historic associations with the gruesome murder of Edward II and many other events.

Later in the afternoon, the trippers visited Cribbs Causeway.

The monthly meeting took place at the Village Hall on July 7, when members were welcomed by the president, Ann Harris, who read a report from the National Federation's AGM at Liverpool, where the resolution to campaign against library closures had been adopted.

This was followed by the introduction of the speaker for the evening, Mrs Wendy Collie, who gave a lively and amusing talk about the pitfalls involved in trying to find the correct size when buying a bra.

Engaging her audience with question and answer, she quickly illustrated a woeful ignorance among most women about how to find a well-fitting bra!

Kate Whittaker won the 'junk' competition and Pat Richards the raffle.

A successful coffee morning was held on July 9 at the home of Avril Phillips – the cake stall, tombola, plant stall and raffle raising a pleasing amount for the WI and Tenovus.

The second meeting took place on July 14, with Rhoose hosting the Link tea-party for the other WIs in their group. The president welcomed members from St Athan, Llanmaes, and Llantwit Major WIs and particularly friends from Wenvoe WI (who also regularly attend the monthly skittles afternoons organised by Brenda Rowe at Rhoose Social Club).

The tea party had a Western theme and began with line-dancing led by the Loose Boots Line Dancing group. Everyone joined in enthusiastically and great fun was had.

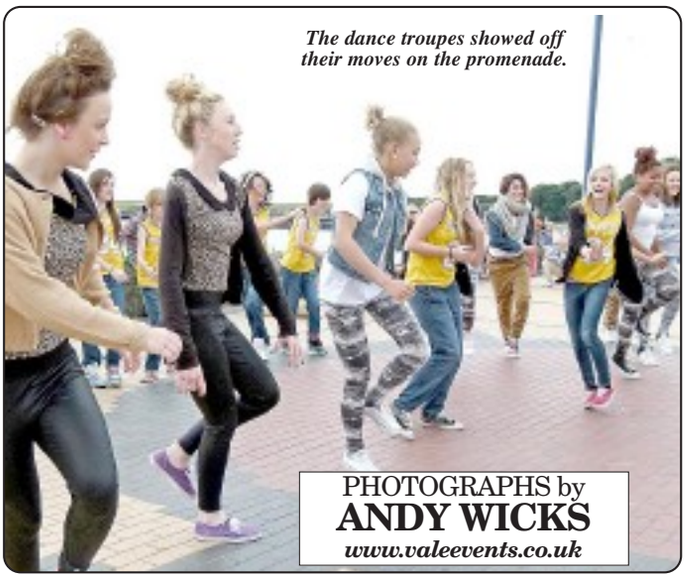
Tea followed, with the usual delicious cakes baked by members and with sandwiches supplied by Glenys Watson, a fellow member and proprietor of the local 'Coffee Time' cafe.

More line-dancing followed, after which the best-dressed Westerner competition was won by Eleanor Macnamara of St Athan and the raffle by Myra Brown (St Athan), Margaret Mortimer (Rhoose), Eleanor Macnamara (St Athan).

The party ended at 5pm, everyone having displayed a great deal of energy and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

***Future events**: The next meeting, a social evening, will be at 7.30pm today (August 4) at The Village Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose. Visitors welcome.*

Dancing festival entertains Island!



The dance troupes showed off their moves on the promenade.

PHOTOGRAPHS by **ANDY WICKS** *www.valeevents.co.uk*

YOUNG dance groups descended on Barry Island recently and performed a series of routines – some with extraordinary moves (see below).

As you can see from these images from local photographer, Andy Wicks, the young people were able to entertain the passing public, and demonstrate impressive athleticism!

Churches gather for family fun day

A FAMILY fun day at Victoria Park, Barry, earlier this month started with grey skies and sheets of rain – but despite this, local churches gathered for what turned out to be a fabulous day as the sun came out.

An estimated 2,000 people enjoyed games and activities, face painting, nail art, bouncy castles, races and tombolas.

The Titanic Twins, along with story tellers and Deano the Clown, from the USA) were a huge hit and kept the crowds entertained.

The Christian Bikers Club was a welcome addition to this year's event.

Teams from 11 nations who had gathered in the Vale from July 2-10 for training in evangelism, helped out on the day, and visitors were pleasantly surprised to find that everything was free.

One helper commented: "What an amazing day, God is so good, He's supplied all our needs. We're looking forward to next year!" **JJ**

Vale Council and building developer on collision course over White Farm

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

THE fate of White Farm as a local beauty spot in Barry, will be decided at a planning inquiry.

Last week, The GEM reported that Persimmon Homes had announced that it intended to legally fight the council if it continued to refuse its application to build 177 houses.

At a meeting of the Vale's planning committee last Thursday evening (July 28) councillors reaffirmed an earlier decision to refuse permission to build houses.

It now appears the issue will be decided at an inquiry, with Persimmon Homes and the Vale Council putting forward legal arguments to back their cases.

Prior to the meeting on Thursday, a clearly exasperated Steve Williams, Persimmon Homes East Wales' managing director, had released a statement, pointing out to councillors the consequences if they stood by the original decision.

He said: "Their own planning report points out that our development has a considerably lower density than The Pastures development next door!

"We will appeal this decision to the Planning Inspectorate and, if successful, will seek costs from the council.

"It's extraordinary that a small group of councillors are willing to gamble tens of thousands of pounds on defending an appeal on a reserved matters application for which there are no substantive reasons for refusal."

Mr Williams said the company had sought a legal opinion and believed it had a strong case. Now the Vale Council will have to prepare a legal defence of its stance.

ARGUMENTS

Vale councillor Rob Curtis, who opposes the development, said he believed the council could provide that.

He said: "At the last planning meeting, I was shocked to see that Persimmon Homes Ltd had paid for counsel's opinion from Morag Ellis QC before the planning committee had even submitted its reason for objection.

"I know many residents felt this bizarre, and felt it very heavy handed and also put unfair pressure on the members of the planning committee."

Coun Curtis said he was convinced the planning officers could prepare a winning case resting on three planks of evidence.

He explained: "Firstly, the weight of public opinion against these submitted plans is massive.

"Local residents have signed petitions and displayed posters in their homes against these plans for many months.

"If a public opinion survey of the people of Barry was carried out, then I have no doubt they would oppose these reserved matters plans.

"Secondly, the density is far too much for this very sensitive area.

"It has been pointed out that the plans had a lower density of housing than the Pastures but anyone who has visited the Pastures would confirm that it is far too dense.

"If we used those arguments for the future, then we would still be building terraced homes everywhere with no amenity space.

"We want future developments to have space and room for people to raise their families, a place where people want to live and are not forced to live."

He added: "Lastly, the setting of the important medieval church of St Dyfan and St Teitlo should be preserved.

"How often have you travelled and seen disgusting and unsuitable developments built around ancient buildings, and said to yourself: 'Who the heck gave planning permission for that?'

"Let's not make those same mistakes."

'Cliff Top Painters' say 'thank you' to the public

ABOVE: After another successful year, Penarth's 'Cliff Top Painters' have promised to return next summer.
PHOTOGRAPH by WALLY DAVIES

Penarth 'Cliff Top Painters' have celebrated another year of providing their popular 'art gallery' attraction during the local festival.

The event organiser, Peggy Davies, said: "The weather was not too bad and we had plenty of visitors, some from Canada and also some Aussies.

"We had to finish early on a few occasions but overall it went well .

"We would like to thank Coun Anthony Ernest, the Penarth Town Mayor, for his comments when officially opening our display.

"Thanks also go to Keri Hutchinson for work done to prepare for this year's exhibition.

"We also thank the hundreds of people who came to view the display."

190-mile cycle ride for charity

LINDA JENKINS, a supervisor at Barry-based Professional Driver Services (PDS) will be cycling more than 190 miles this month to raise money for the Guide Dog for the Blind Association.

She and her husband Peter aim to raise £5,000 for the charity, after PDS recently named it as its official charity partner for 2011.

The cost of training a guide dog in its first two years is £10,000 and PDS has already donated half that money to the worthwhile cause.

Now Linda and Peter have decided to help raise the remaining £5,000 needed by completing the lengthy bike ride across Wales, starting in Caernarfon on August 7, and finishing four days later at PDS's offices in Barry, to coincide with Peter's 54th birthday.

ABOVE: Peter and Linda Jenkins.

Man breached an order over former partner

Report by AJ SICLUNA

AFTER drinking four cans of lager, a man contacted his former partner, breaching a restraining order, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

Christopher Billings-Wakerley (30) told her: "Karma comes back around, tick, tick. You and him dead."

Billings-Wakerley of Ramsey Road, Barry, admitted breaching the restraining order and also a suspended sentence.

He received a community order which involved 12 months' supervision and a period of the suspended sentence was ordered to run for a further six months.

Prosecutor Meirion Davies said the restraining order had been made in respect of Amy George, but he telephoned her in violation of it.

She recorded the conversation and he was later arrested.

The court heard he had a previous conviction for assaulting her.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said the couple had had a relationship for three years which ended in acrimony.

He decided to telephone her after drinking four cans of lager and she provoked him by mentioning another man.

"He acknowledges he breached the order. It was not face to face contact. He never intended causing her harm and he was in custody for a week."

FOUR BARRY PROJECTS NET A TOTAL OF £317,000

FUNDING worth £317,000 has been awarded to four projects in Barry to help regenerate the town.

Housing, regeneration and heritage minister Huw Lewis announced the funding last week at a visit to the Newydd Housing Association in Barry, which will run one of the four projects.

Newydd will use their funding to expand their home-maintenance apprenticeship programme, creating more placements for young or vulnerable adults and helping them gain permanent employment.

The minister said: "This funding is a welcome boost to the physical, social and economic development of Barry.

"The projects offer a number of benefits for locals such as recreation activities and training opportunities, while improving the wider prospects for the town and helping to encourage further investment and development from other sectors."

The announcement follows discussions between the minister and the Barry Regeneration Board.

The minister added: "Barry Regeneration Board is made up of local organisations and since board members have first hand knowledge of the challenges facing the town, their input has been pivotal to making this announcement.

"I've worked closely with the board since beginning my new ministerial role in regeneration, and I am keen to continue working together to deliver investment projects that improve prospects for Barry and those who live here."

Other projects benefiting from the funding include the Porthkerry Country Park Forest Lodge, Barry Island adiZone and the provision of three advice kiosks led by the Vale Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB).

Penarth Pavilion: *the challenge begins*

WITH the first grant money from the Heritage Lottery Fund's £1.68million award due shortly, detailed planning has started for the most important project Penarth has seen for decades.

The target date for transforming the rundown Pavilion - one of south Wales' most distinctive buildings, into a unique social, entertainment and educational centre is 2013.

"It's a challenge, but so was our appeal for Lottery funding, which took five years", said Rebecca Albright, for the Pavilion Project. "With tremendous support on all sides we will succeed".

The interior of the Pavilion, opened in 1929, is being totally redesigned, providing facilities on two levels for a wide range of activities including stage and film shows, conferences, exhibitions, displays and meetings.

There will be a bistro seating 100, a café and bar and observation points.

"There will be something for everyone from young children – there will be a kids play area – to the elderly and disabled," Rebecca said.

Enterprise zone: 'We want it now!'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Mr Cairns added: "Whilst it is,of course, up to the Assembly as to when and how they can introduce an Enterprise Zone scheme, I'm concerned that by taking their time in fiddling over the detail of the scheme, Wales and Barry are already losing out.

"The other 21 areas of the UK are already attracting investment, creating jobs and wealth in their communities.

"We must not lose the momentum to introduce a scheme for Wales, and as other communities in Wales look to campaign for their areas to be chosen, I will doing all I can to make sure that Barry becomes the first designated enterprise zone in Wales."

If Mr Haley gets his way, the Barry zone would include the town, airport, the aerospace business park and St Athan.

In a guarded response, a Welsh Government spokesperson said: "We are looking at options for enterprise zones – including clustered enterprise zones.

"However, we don't want people to see the zones as a solution to all the challenges facing the Welsh economy."

New member

LEFT: President Norma Reynolds, pictured with new member Coun Janice Charles.

AT the recent supper meeting of Barry and District branch of Soroptimist International, president Norma Reynolds welcomed new member, Coun Janice Charles.

A cabinet member on the Vale Council, with special responsibility for human resources and equalities, she brings international experience to the club.

Prior to her marriage, she worked in Canada and then moved with her family to Brunei in south-east Asia, where she worked as a radio presenter for British Forces Broadcasting.

Janice is the council's official Armed Forces Champion and is also a human rights champion.

President Norma said she was delighted that Janice had chosen to join the club and hoped she would find it an interesting and enjoyable experience.

Windsurfing taster

THERE will be a free windsurfing taster day, with the Barry Windsurfing Association, on Saturday, August 6, at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park, and Cold Knap Beach, Barry – from 10am at Cosmeston, and from 2pm at Cold Knap.

For further details, contact Jon Greatrex, BWA secretary on 07742 571000 or Jim Brookes–Dowsett on 07970 420998.

Barry Rugby Football Club

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'Wizard' skittlers boost Cancer Research UK

A total of £699.55 was raised for Cancer Research UK by the Welsh Wizards Skittles Team at the Three Bells.

THE Welsh Wizards Skittle Team would like to thank all those who attended our recent event 'Under Starters Orders', which took place at the Three Bells on July 23, and especially thank the sponsor Mark from BM Wize Ltd.

Despite an event at Victoria Park taking place at the same time, we had a good turn-out and raised £698.55 for Cancer Research UK.

Along with the race taking place, we had fun with the Fire Brigade and Police Service who turned out to support the community.

Children and adults alike took turns in trying on hats and sitting in the vehicles.

They especially liked turning on the sirens!

I am sure that local residents must have wondered what was going on.

Winners of the event, Anne Marie Overton and Megan Overton, are now the proud owners of a lovely bronze statue of a horse and jockey together with prize money of £50 which was presented by the sponsor Mark.

Runners-up were Ricky Mountjoy and Tina Mountjoy, and in third place were Lynne Palmer and Chris Palmer who also received medals and trophies.

The Welsh Wizards Skittle Team consists of just 20 to 30 members.

They meet every last Sunday of the month at the Three Bells to organise new and exciting ways in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

New ideas and suggestions would be gladly received. We are now planning bucket collections at Cardiff Airport and a pub crawl to take place throughout Barry during the month of August.

We are grateful for any help or donations and can be contacted at the Three Bells.

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College announces first principal and chair of governors

AS Barry College and Coleg Glan Hafren prepare to merge to create Cardiff and Vale College, the college has announced the identity of the first principal and chair of governors.

Geraint Evans (left) and Mike James.

To coincide with this, Cardiff and Vale College has also unveiled a brochure and website to spread news of the benefits of the new college.

Mike James (46) of Abergavenny, has been appointed as the first Principal and will start on September 1.

He has been vice-principal at the City of Bristol College since 2008.

Mike has worked in further education for 17 years in a variety of different colleges, ranging from the rural countryside of Northampton to the inner city of London.

Mr James commented: "The focus of an outstanding college must be on the people and community that it serves. Cardiff and Vale College will have this focus, under my leadership, bringing together two established and very successful colleges to create one new college to serve the individuals, employers and communities of this dynamic capital region.

"I am looking forward to working with the staff, partners and learners to establish Cardiff and Vale College as a leading college in Wales that benefits the entire community".

Geraint Evans MBE has been appointed as chair of the governing body.

Mr Evans said: "I am proud to have played my part in the creation of Cardiff and Vale College, and even prouder to be the chair of the governing body.

"All the staff involved in the merger process owe a huge debt of gratitude to both principals for the way they have led the two colleges, during the complex and challenging period prior to merger.

"I have no doubt that due to their efforts, Cardiff and Vale College will build upon the excellent achievements of Coleg Glan Hafren and Barry College."

'Wales for Africa' project vital link with world poor

AS well as developing our own public services, supporting the regeneration of our towns and cities, protecting the vulnerable, supporting business and rural communities, Wales has always been an outward-looking country, concerned about the plight and needs of people and communities across the world, particularly in developing countries.

This has resulted in a small but powerful link made by the Welsh Government under the UN Gold Star programme with a 'Wales for Africa', initiative which has led to small but effective partnerships with towns, villages and communities such as Mbale and Tororo in Uganda.

In the Vale of Glamorgan, a group has set up the 'Vale4Africa', link following the inspiring model developed in Pontypridd with the PONT partnership.

It transpires that there are many individuals, organisations, schools and health service links between the Vale and Africa which are being actively fostered and supported for mutual benefit.

The schools links provide an important dimension in the curriculum at every stage of education. The health links can provide opportunities for learning and support for our health professionals, as well as providing vital support in Africa, combating eye disease as just one example.

Whilst we focus as a Welsh Government on our responsibilities, delivering a five-year legislative programme and working for a fairer funding base, borrowing powers and further fiscal devolution, we also support and encourage these wider goals which bring strong and mutual benefit.

Last week, the First Minister, Carwyn Jones, called on the Welsh public to support the East Africa Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Cymru to help people suffering severe food shortages in East Africa – where the devastating drought, the worst in 60 years, is now wiping out cattle and crops and leaving at least 10 million people in desperate need.

He put this into perspective by saying that a British pound could provide an emergency food parcel to feed a family in Kenya or Somalia for a week.

Carwyn Jones has pledged his support to the DEC Appeal led in Wales by aid agencies Christian Aid, Tearfund, CAFOD, Oxfam Cymru, British Red Cross, Save the Children, Islamic Relief and Age Cymru to help raise the desperately-needed funds.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM

(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

In my capacity as Finance Minister, with responsibility for equalities, I spoke at an event last week organised by the Somali Integration Society, who are addressing the needs of the Somali community in Wales with a focus on the role and contribution young people are making in Wales.

I said that the Somali community is one of the oldest ethnic minority groups within Wales, contributing so much to Welsh life. But I started my contribution by endorsing the First Minister's message to Wales about the need for us to support the drought appeal.

I echoed his words, by saying that I knew many members of the Welsh Somali community will be worried about family and friends in Somaliland, which has been badly-affected by the drought.

The young people who spoke at the conference were making a distinctive contribution in sport, cultural and academic achievement and were an excellent example of how we can foster equality and fairness, which is the key theme of our community cohesion strategy 'Getting on together'.

By 'getting on together' – whether it is partnership between organisations – or through individuals and socialising together – we will be able to overcome barriers and tension.

One young women who had fled with her family from conflict, was now training to be a midwife so that she could make her contribution to the health service in Wales.

We can make a difference, making the connections within Wales, which is richly diverse in its communities, and getting it right for young people in what we offer for academic and vocational opportunities.

We can also make the links across the world with those connections we have with the horn of Africa to support the DEC Cymru Appeal. For further information contact http://www.oxfam.org.uk/applications/blogs/cymru/2011/07/disaster_and_emergency_committ.html.

NEWS FROM 372 (BARRY) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

Megan and Carl appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadets

AIR Cadets Megan Hamblin and Carl Chaplin of 372 (Barry) Squadron, recently attended an awards ceremony to be appointed as the Lord Lieutenant's Cadets for South Glamorgan during 2011.

They will undertake a busy 12 months assisting the Lord Lieutenant, Dr Peter Beck, to carry out his many official engagements.

Throughout the year, Megan and Carl will meet members of the royal family, politicians and many influential members of the community. They were selected from more than 900 Air Cadets in south Wales to their appointment.

Megan and Carl were congratulated by Squadron Leader Bob Timothy, the acting Wing Commanding Officer, who said: "Megan and Carl are exceptional Cadets who fully deserve their appointment. I hope they enjoy their year in this important role."

Flt Sgt Megan Hamblin and Sgt Carl Chaplin with Dr Peter Beck.

Megan and Carl follow in the footsteps of many Cadets from Barry Squadron over the last 21 years who were awarded this prestigious role; including Jason Horton, Chaz Graham, Dave Provis, Jenny Hunt, Simon Walker and Louise Claypole, Caroline Louise Bradley and Sian Davies.

Both Megan and Carl have had an action-packed time at 372 Squadron during their five years. Both have flown in military aircraft, gained their marksman awards, attended camps at RAF stations, undertaken Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and are keen members of the Squadron band.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old; parading on Mondays and Wednesdays (7pm-9.30pm) behind Adam's Funeral Parlour. Phone the Squadron on (01446) 747734, or email oc.372@aircadets.org for more information.

CADSTOCK 'SWINGS' AT VICTORIA PARK EVENT!

PHOTOGRAPHS by ANDY WICKS
www.valeevents.co.uk

CADSTOCK arrived at Victoria Park over the week-end July 23-24, and as can be seen from Andy Wicks' pictorial record, audiences had a rockin' good time!

Admission was free and not only were there local Vale bands performing, there were diversions for the youngsters, such as bouncy castles, a coconut shy and stalls to browse.

The event confirms Victoria Park's growing reputation as a summer entertainment venue.

RIGHT: Victoria Park's bandstand provided the perfect stage for local bands to perform on.

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CCTV aids arrests

CCTV in the Vale, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with eight arrests in the week ending July 24.

It contacted the police on 34 occasions.

On July 19, one person wanted on warrant was arrested on Jenner Street, and on July 21, another was arrested involving indecent exposure on Little Moors Hill.

Two arrests were also made for alleged possession of cannabis, one on July 22 and one on July 23, in Vere Street and Broad Street, respectively.

Also on July 23, an arrest was made concerning disrupting public order on Evans Street.

Two arrests involving criminal damage were made on July 24, one on Skomer Road and the other on Dock View Road.

On the same day, one arrest was made for a person who was allegedly drunk in charge of a motor vehicle on Porthkerry Road.

Owner of lost cash sought

POLICE are trying to locate the owner of a "considerable amount of cash" handed in at Llantwit Major police station.

It was found on Tuesday, June 2. at around midday outside Halfords store at the Waterfront in Barry.

"If you have lost a large amount of cash around this time, and in the area in question, please contact the Lost Property officer at Barry Police Station on 101 as soon as possible," a spokesman said.

The Hurns and the Bennetts celebrated two birthdays over the Cadstock weekend!

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Show that is the ultimate shop window for Vale

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

THE Vale Show will once again open its gates next Wednesday, in the grounds of Fonmon Castle – and I must confess, it really is one of my personal highlights in the diary of local community events.

It is an occasion when rural and urban communities come together. No matter how much or how little you know about agricultural issues, you will receive the warmest welcome from all at the Show, and a day full of family activities.

It will, of course, include animals of all shapes and sizes, from dog shows to beef and dairy cattle; Welsh mountain sheep and ponies to pet lambs.

All are shown in the most fascinating competitions, with local farmers competing against farmers from across south Wales and beyond.

The home produce marquee is always a competitive environment, with some of the best cooks across the Vale competing against each other.

Visitors will find a superb selection of local Welsh produce. Prime fresh foods direct from local producers and farms combined with local wines – ready to make any meal complete.

It is always a pleasure to watch the show jumping, and as always, the Hunt Scurry finale, can be hilarious!

There will be a plethora of exhibitors and trade stands around the Show field from all sorts of businesses and charities. It is an opportunity for those organisations to champion a cause, or to thank their customers. There is often the odd discount to be found, too!

There is also another serious matter, in that it is a first-class example of the best of local produce – be it lamb or beef, pork or vegetable.

This is the ultimate window of the best of the Vale and or British agriculture – excellent welfare standards leading to the best quality meat and produce on the market.

Witnessing the high quality, makes supporting local producers and farmers a pleasure, rather than an obligation.

I cannot allow the occasion to pass without congratulating David John, of Arthur John & Co, who recently received a 'Lifetime Award' from the Show chairman Robert Llewellyn, in recognition of the firm's support and services to agriculture in the Vale.

It's tremendous to think that Arthur John & Co have brought a trade stand to the Vale Show for over 100 years.

It is important, too, for me to mention and thank the many sponsors who support the competitions, stands and displays at the Vale Show – their continued financial support and support in kind, is essential to ensure the Show's success year on year.

The reason I have chosen to champion the event is because it is a first-class example of local individuals coming together for the benefit of the community. Thousands of hours of preparation go into organising the day.

I find that many similar shows elsewhere have lost their agricultural focus. The Vale Show has maintained this core tradition, and I think for the better.

Political debates over recent years have often put rural and urban communities at opposing ends of the scale. Better knowledge from all sides of each other's situation can only help inform and foster mutual understanding.

I cannot think of a better example of supporting each other than at the Vale Show. It is a great day out for the whole family, whatever your interests or background.

Barry Island stories wanted by the People's Collection

A WEBSITE dedicated to the history of Wales, is calling for people to share their holiday stories from Barry's Butlins.

Barry Island-based B&B breaks inspired Sir Billy Butlin's holiday camp enterprise and for almost 40 years, the holiday camp was a top destination for holidaymakers.

Now its former guests and employees are being urged to share their memories and photographs online at People's Collection Wales.

A spokesperson said that the People's Collection Wales, a contemporary, bilingual website, is a constantly growing resource for the people of Wales to learn about their history.

Nearly 30,000 items – from old photographs to video stories – can be found in the collection.

The hope is that everyone, from former redcoats to 'the Doctor' and Bonnie Langford, will upload content to help capture a true picture of holiday and leisure in Wales throughout the years.

"Following the closure of Butlins Barry Island, the area was reincarnated as the 'Shangri-La' holiday camp in TV's Doctor Who.

The seventh incarnated Doctor, played by Sylvester McCoy, and Bonnie Langford, who played his assistant, were regularly seen at the site.

ABOVE: An aerial view of Butlins.

The Butlins camp opened to the public in 1965 to initial waves of anger, due to its recreational area setting. At its peak, it could accommodate over 7,000 guests a week ahead of its closure in 1988.

The camp was the last and smallest Butlins enterprise to be built and its holiday chalets were transformed from World War Two emergency army accommodation. Materials that could illustrate these changes would enrich the People's Collection, which is owned by and contributed to by the people of Wales. All holiday related content is welcomed in the Collection.

Rheinallt Ffoster-Jones of People's Collection, Wales said: "People's Collection Wales belongs to the people and will grow and become even better, as more and more people become involved in its development.

"Content about how Welsh people have spent their holiday and leisure time throughout the years, would be hugely valuable.

" Butlin's' Barry camp was so dominant in its time as a Welsh holiday destination and any photographs or documents from the period could highlight, not only changes in structure and facilities, but economic growth, fashions, music and attitudes."

For more information or to upload your items to the People's Collection Wales visit www.peoplescollectionwales.co.uk.

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PUPPIES GO ON PARADE IN A RECORD SHOW...

These glamorous young ladies enjoyed the afternoon.

Rod Wilson with the winning dog and bitch.

Words and pictures by
HEATHER MARCH

A RECORD gathering of members and supporters enjoyed an afternoon at the Glamorgan Kennels for the annual 'Puppy Show', when the judges were Richard Sumner, Master of the Heythrop Hunt, and Michael Little, huntsman of the Berkeley.

New kennel-huntsman, Rod Wilson, showed these young hounds very well. The champion winning dog-hound was *Stanford*, walked by Mark Edwards of Llandow, and the winning bitch was *Stocking*, walked by Jess Cherryman.

Joint Master, Jacky Thomas, gave an interesting commentary on the pedigree and breeding of each hound and the day ended with a splendid tea.

Hounds will parade at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on August 10 and the Hunt Show will be at a new venue at Penllyn on August 21.

Three generations of supporters.

Mark Edwards receives the Cup.

Vale's pointers at Eisteddfod

ROSEMARY BUTLER, the National Assembly Presiding Officer, visited the Wrexham Eisteddfod science pavilion where she is pictured meeting Dr Wynford Bellin of Colwinston, who chairs the 2012 Vale of Glamorgan science committee.

The Presiding Officer was assured that the best of Vale brainpower was being applied to match the success and popularity of the 2011 science pavilion.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D 681.

● **The rollover, which now stands at £500, was not won this week.**

● **£2,000:** 395811.

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'Manufacturer's logo visible on cheek'

19-STONE MAN JUMPED ON HIS VICTIM'S FACE

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A VICTIM of violence which erupted outside Penarth Ex-Servicemen's Club, was lucky to be alive after a 19-and-a-half stone, 6ft 4ins man jumped from a wall onto his face, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Moments later, said prosecutor Matthew Cobb, Darren Grant was seen repeatedly stamping on the head of the unconscious Justin French.

Grant, 33, a lorry driver of Pant-y-Celyn, Llandough, who has recently been living in Yorkshire, was jailed for five years, after being found guilty of causing Mr French grievous bodily harm with intent.

He was also found guilty of assaulting Paul Stowe.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones told Grant: "I and the jury listened during the trial to a quite horrific account of your behaviour on this night."

Mr French ended up on the pavement, below a wall, motionless, said the judge. Grant then jumped onto his face, after which he stamped on his face a number of times.

A forensic scientist said that in 20 years, he had never seen such clear shoe imprints on the side of a man's face, such as those on Mr French, and also visible on his face was the 'Timberland' logo.

Said the judge: "A witness thought you had actually killed him, which is hardly surprising."

A miracle, said the judge, was that he didn't suffer injuries as serious as anticipated.

The jury reached guilty verdicts after just 40 minutes.

Mr Cobb said the incident occurred late on the night of Saturday, May 8, 2010, outside Penarth Ex-Servicmen's Club in Windsor Road.

Soon after the attack on Mr French, Grant attacked Mr Stowe, who had only tried to remonstrate with him.

Mr French suffered bruising and several nose fractures.

"You may think he is lucky to be alive," said Mr Cobb.

Grant denied jumping off the wall, and said that he tumbled down a step with Mr French and threw one blow.

Grant was said to have previous convictions for driving with excess alcohol, driving while disqualified, and causing criminal damage.

In his closing speech, Mr Cobb described the claims Grant made in his defence as "utter garbage".

Grant's barrister, Kevin Seal, said: "This will be his first custodial sentence.

"There is a lack of previous offending of a violent nature."

CCTV assists arrests

CCTV in the Vale, operated by the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with eight arrests and one missing person in the week ending July 31.

It contacted the police on 51 occasions. On July 25, one arrest was made concerning possession of cannabis on Arno Road, Barry and on July 27 another was made for alleged possession of an offensive weapon on Holton Road, also in Barry.

Two more arrests were made in Barry on July 28, one involving threats to kill and another for breach of a court order, on Aberaeron Close and Main Street respectively.

On July 29, two arrests were made – one involved disturbing public order and wasting police time on Stanwell Road in Penarth, and the second over an assault on Gladstone Road, Barry.

On July 30, one arrest was made for alleged theft from a motor vehicle, and another concerned an assault on a police officer in Holton Road.

The CCTV operation also helped to locate a missing person at Dunlin Court, Barry, on July 26.

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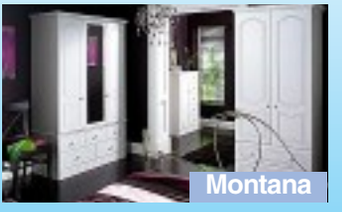
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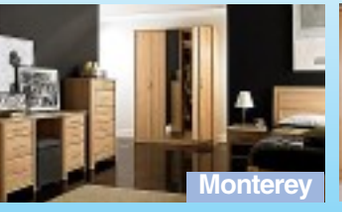
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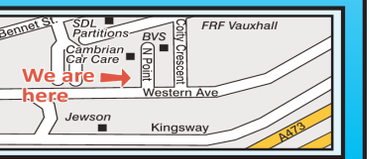

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Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE...

Aviation talk

PENARTH Aviation Society can find out more about the aircraft industry and flying at the next meeting on Friday, August 5.

A panel of four will be taking questions from the floor. Visitors are welcome.

Meetings take place at the Penarth Conservative Club on the first Friday of each month, at 7.45pm.

For further information, telephone 01446 721321.

West End star of the show!

DIRECT from London's West End, Lee Mason stars in the fabulous *Let the Good Times Roll*, at Barry's Memorial Theatre on Saturday, August 6.

The unique live 10-piece production pays a memorable tribute to some of the most popular music of the 50s and 60s, featuring such songs as 'Rock around the clock', 'Teenager in love', 'Be my baby', 'The wonder of you' and 'The Locomotion'.

Within minutes, the 'Time Machine' will transport you back to a bygone age. So put your gladrags on and take a trip down memory lane for an experience you'll never forget!

Curtain up is at 7.30pm. Tickets £15.50, available from the box office on 01446 738622, website www.letthegoodtimesroll.co.uk.

***Footnote**: Lee Mason's brother Perry Fenwick, who plays Billy Mitchell in Eastenders, helped put the show together.*

Fun dog show for charity

MOUNT Pleasant Riding for the Disabled Group is holding a fun dog show at Mount Pleasant Stables, Rhiwceiliog, Pencoed on Sunday, August 7, starting at 1pm.

Classes include: most handsome dog; dog with the most appealing eyes; dog with the waggiest tail; best child handler; dog the judge would most like to take home.

There will be refreshments, and various stalls and games.

For more information, go to www.mount.pleasantrda.co.uk

Scout hall bric-a-brac

A bric-a-brac sale will be held at Cowbridge Scout Hall, behind the sheep market, on Saturday, August 13 at 10.30am – 4pm. LPs, CDs, books (mainly hardback) jigsaws and board games.

Eisteddfod car boot

A CAR boot sale to raise funds for next year's National Eisteddfod in the Vale, will be held this Sunday, August 7, at Llandow Circuit, Llandow at 10.30am – 3pm. £5 per car, plenty of parking. Contact Ros Lewis at 01446 793539 or email rlewis@llantwit.orange home.co.uk.

Garden party

ST JAMES Church, Wick, will hold a garden party on August 13, at 2pm in Green Isha Farm, Wick. Stalls, raffle, cream teas.

VOLUNTEERS from the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales, are holding an open day at the Lavernock Point Nature Reserve in Penarth on August 14, from 12pm-4.pm.

Explore this beautiful coastal limestone grassland with its wealth of wildlife – birds, butterflies and wild flowers.

Volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions about the reserve and there will be free guided walks.

As parking at the reserve is very limited, there will be a free shuttle bus from Cosmeston Lakes Country Park. *For more information, visit www.welshwildlife.org or contact 01656 724100.*

Family funday

A FAMILY funday will be held on Agusut 21 at 1pm in Victoria Park, Cadoxton.

It includes tin can alley, face painting, stocks, cakes, books, table top sale.

There will be a pirate fancy dress competition and raffle with cash prizes.

The event will raise funds for LATCH.

Valeways walks

WEST from Penllyn, extended walk on Wednesday, August 17, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm It starts at the Red Fox car park, in Penllyn.

CAOS will bring Gilbert and Sullivan back to the Vale

FOLLOWING their successful concert of *The Mikado* in 2010, and their more recent trip into the world of Rice and Lloyd Webber with the *Likes of Us*, CAOS are preparing for their new season by bringing Gilbert and Sullivan back to the Vale of Glamorgan.

They have already begun rehearsals for a concert version of *The Pirates of Penzance*, which is taking place at Rhoose Community Centre on October 14, and the Cowbridge Comprehensive School on October 15.

A spokesperson said: "We are very much looking forward to performing this G and S favourite in two new venues and meeting friends, old and new in the process.

"Rhoose is an area in which we have not performed before and the prospect of using the new school theatre in Cowbridge is very exciting. It is not too late if anybody wishes to join us for this, as we are always keen to recruit new members in all voices, particularly men.

"This will be a narrated concert, so it does not involve dialogue, costumes, dancing or make-up, as we reserve that for our full production each spring. So if you can sing and want to join a friendly local group then please get in touch."

Full details can be found on the society's website www.cowbridgeaos.org.uk or by phoning the secretary on 01446 713110.

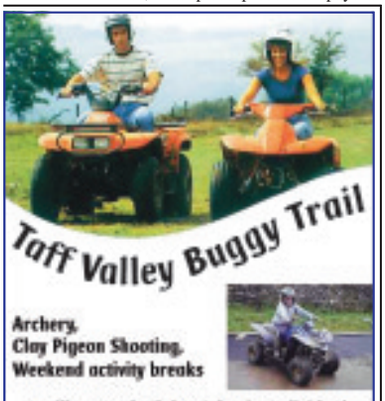
Alternatively, visit the Ystradowen Village Hall on Tuesdays from 7.30pm and ask for Chris, the chairman.

Patronal festival

FRIENDS of the St Lawrence at Lavernock Trust will be opening the listed medieval building on Sunday, August 14 to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

The service is at 3pm-4pm and will be led by the Rev Margaret Stark, honorary chaplain to the Friends.

All are very welcome at the service celebrating the Patronal Festival of Saint Lawrence which will include tributes to the late Dr Chrystal Tilney Davies MA, a member of the Trust and adviser on archives, Diocese of Llandaff.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Captain America makes his mark on the summer

GEM SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

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WHILE DC Comics achieved success with the Christopher Nolan-directed *Batman* films, and a level of success with *Superman Returns*, they pale into comparison with Marvel Comics.

The publisher has seen great success from the releases of *Iron Man* and its sequel, *The Incredible Hulk* and *Thor* – with the next character finally making his way onto the big screen.

In *Captain America,* Chris Evans (no, not that one) plays Steve Rogers, a scrawny kid who is unable to sign up to fight in World War II.

With the help of a doctor, who injects him with a super serum, Rogers becomes a bulky mass of muscle, the perfect tool for America to use in combat. But as Rogers becomes Captain America, the threat from Germany is more than just the Nazis, as Johan Schmidt (Hugo Weaving), who has an alter-ego of his own, plans of wreaking his own carnage on the world...

With the proliferation of super-heroes reaching the big screen, it can't be long before the genre bottoms out. Marvel will be hoping that it will last at least another year as the Captain, and the other Marvel heroes, line up in the hotly-anticipated *The Avengers* next May.

However, based on the evidence of Captain America, there appears to be little creatively wrong with the genre, the film a shining example of taking a comic book character and bringing him to the big screen.

Perhaps it's because of its period setting (set in and around 1942) but it feels different to the likes of *Iron Man* et al, while maintaining the through-line that has made the films so successful.

Drawing in a director such as Joe Johnson helps, of course, the director having made more than his fair share of clunkers (*The Wolfman,* anybody?) but also having form in wartime action block-busters with the under-rated *Rocketeer*.

Thankfully, it's the Johnson of the latter that is on duty here, bringing a pleasing innocence, while maintaining the modern-day spectacle you would expect.

It is visually gorgeous, the wartime feel being amplified by the hyper-real submarines and aircraft on display, and Johnson uses all of the tools to craft a thrilling experience that manages to marry the action to an origin story which manages to avoid the usual pitfalls and move at a pace.

Said script comes from the keyboards of Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, who construct a compelling story that moves well and doesn't labour too heavily on the obvious elements of the character, any level of American jingoism if anything downplayed. They also bring the characters to life incredibly well, aided by a very strong cast.

As the titular Captain, Chris Evans is incredibly good, making him likeable but also the actor emphasises the nobility of this smaller man being given the chance to do good, a clear case of great power becoming great responsibility, and Evans delivers with style.

Opposite him Brit Hayley Atwell delivers a strong performance, bringing a ballsiness to the character of Peggy Carter and avoiding the simpering love interest route that afflicted Natalie Portman in *Thor*.

With a degree of verve, the actress is wonderful, while the likes of Tommy Lee Jones, Dominic Cooper and Stanley Tucci are all well suited to their roles, delivering likeable performances.

The only misstep is Hugo Weaving's villain, which is too bland and of the traditional world-conquering variety to let the actor really project his evil, the Captain being left with a foe that doesn't really work that well, although Toby Jones does shine as his accomplice.

If the downbeat conclusion takes the sheen off the film somewhat, you can be comforted to know that is only part of a larger plan which now takes us to next May's *Avengers* movie - and while its a long wait until then, at least *Captain America* is here to bridge the gap!

VERDICT: A pleasingly retro super-hero film, *Captain America* is the perfect lead-in to *The Avengers* yet also works incredibly well on its own.

Strong direction from Joe Johnson and performances, especially Chris Evans and Hayley Atwell, mean that the Captain makes his mark on the summer. *Recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Rocketeer, Iron Man, Thor.*

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Tales of a giant skeleton in a cave linked to King Arthur...

FIFTEEN Penarth and District Ramblers joined Joy for a walk in the Wye Valley, beginning at Christchurch on a lovely summer morning.

Entering Highmeadow Woods, an ancient medieval hunting forest, they followed cool wooded paths, making their way downhill towards the valley bottom. Unfortunately, the leader missed a pathway on the way down, so the journey took a little longer than expected!

Following the track, they reached the Biblins suspension bridge, erected by the Forestry Commission in 1957 high above the Wye River.

The group followed the Wye through woodland below Seven Sisters Rocks and then climbed steeply through Lord's Wood to reach King Arthur's Cave.

Legend says that in 1695 a gigantic skeleton was discovered in the cave by a woman goat herder. The bones were collected and given to a surgeon in Bristol, who promptly went on a sea voyage where they were lost after the boat sank.

In fact, it would appear this cave has no connection with King Arthur, other than speculation and gossip, but in 1817, the cave was partially excavated by the Rev Symond, who found the remains of hyena, lion, brown bear, red deer, giant Irish elk, reindeer and horse, along with flints and pottery items.

Eventually, a narrow lane and footpath through bushes led them to the River Wye ferry crossing, which is operated by the Saracen's Head pub on the eastern bank.

The journey may only be short, but is really enjoyable and the group rejoined dry land to stop for lunch in the pub garden.

After watching the exploits of people on the river and very much refreshed, they headed back along the valley floor, then up a rough path to steps in a sunken lane that led to Symonds Yat Rock, where some of the group went to the log cabin for cooling ice-cream and lollipops, and others headed to the viewpoint on Yat Rock itself.

The rock, situated at 152 metres above the glorious Wye and the beautiful surrounding countryside, is the perfect place to watch Peregrine falcons that nest in the cliffs nearby and also Goshawk and Hobby if you are lucky.

As the temperature rose, all that was left was the one and three-quarter mile journey back through Highmeadow Woods to reach their cars before the journey home after what had been a lovely day.

On August 6, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile hard walk at the Cat's Back and Hay Bluff in the Black Mountains; contact Jeff on 029 2063 7689.

On August 7, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11-mile moderate walk to the north of Trellech; contact Nick on 01446 420540.

A reminder to all leaders and budding leaders that the programme planning evening will take place at the Lee Hall, Dinas Powys on August 16 and everyone is welcome.

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Surfer Style for Beach and Beyond this Summer

From Bondi Beach to Bridgend - Boardies are still the hottest style

With soaring temperatures set to continue throughout the coming months, South Wales surfers are hopefully getting ready for a summer of sun, sea and sand. But as the familiar swimwear debate between board shorts, trunks and briefs continues to divide men up and down the Gower, McArthurGlen's Bridgend Designer Outlet is championing 'boardies' as this season's must have swimwear style.

McArthurGlen Style Consultant Louise Evans, says, "A popular Aussie fashion item, 'boardies' are the thing to be seen in this summer – from Bondi Beach to Bridgend. Men can be just as self-conscious as women when it comes to flaunting their bodies on the beach; but the longer length and youthful pattern of board shorts make them the perfect choice for surfer dudes of all shapes."

McArthurGlen's Bridgend Designer Outlet offers a large selection of swimwear with savings of up to 60 per cent on brands including Billabong – who have recently opened at the designer outlet – Bench, O'Neill, Saltrock and Lacoste.

Both comfortable and on-trend, boardshorts come in a range of styles with many men choosing to express themselves with bright colours and funky prints to achieve an individual surfer look.

Richard Garratt, Centre Manager at McArthurGlen's Bridgend, says, "McArthurGlen's Bridgend Designer Outlet is located nearby some of the UK's top surfing beaches – during summer weekends the number of visitors to the centre can exceed 25,000 and boardshorts are definitely this season's favourite. The surfer look is popular with men of all ages and is a great choice for the beach and beyond."

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A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document that enables one person to make decisions on behalf of another.

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Without an LPA, it may be necessary for family members to apply to the Court of Protection for authority. This can be a distressing and lengthy process, and is far more expensive than making an LPA.

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Support Vale Foodbank this Saturday

by TIM CHAPMAN

VALE Foodbank volunteers will be at Morrisons supermarket in Barry this weekend, collecting food items to help people who are in crisis.

The foodbank is a new community-based project that will be operating in the area during the months ahead.

The Vale Foodbank coordinator, Susan Lloyd-Selby, explained: "This Saturday, August 6, volunteers will be at Morrisons from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

"We will be outside the store handing out leaflets with shopping lists. We hope that on the way out, people will donate an item.

"What we need is contributions of dried food and tinned goods.

"The current economic climate means more and more people are struggling to put food on the table, so we really need local citizens to give what they can to help.

"It's not just people on low incomes who are feeling the pinch at the moment. Increased redundancy and fewer jobs are having a real impact on local people.

"We are very grateful for the support we have received from Tony Wade, Morrisons' manager, and our volunteers are looking forward to launching the foodbank."

Food will be stored at Coastlands Family Church and later distributed to people in need. The good news is that volunteers know they already have enough in donations to launch the foodbank next month.

Social services, GPs and charities will help to identify people who need support, and those individuals and families will be able to claim using vouchers.

Susan explained that in the tougher economic climate, with bills soaring, the loss of a job or the late arrival of a benefit cheque can tip people into a crisis.

She said: "For some people, it could be a choice as to whether they can pay their rent or put food on the table."

The initiative has already generated a lot of local enthusiasm, with 10 Vale schools already pledging their Harvest Festival collections in October to the foodbank.

The Vale Foodbank is a registered charity and part of a nationwide franchise inspired by The Trussell Trust, a Christian-based organisation committed to community-based projects.

Susan said: "There are now more than 100 foodbanks nationwide. Two years ago, they helped 41,000 people; last year they helped 61,500 people."

Supermarket collections are one of the main ways that the foodbank will be stocked, but volunteers are also willing to pick up non-perishable foods from those willing to donate.

The contact details are: 01446 410782; or e-mail: slloydselby@yahoo.com. A website will be set up shortly.

Dyspraxia group requires leaders

VALE Dyspraxia Support Group/Dyspraxia Cymru, has issued an appeal for new leaders, as the current voluntary group leaders and voluntary youth coordinator plan to move out of the area.

"A new leadership could bring fresh ideas and the next generation of young people is needed to continue to raise awareness of the condition," a spokesperson said.

Activities over the past seven years have included a bilingual helpline, website; monthly meetings, often with an invited speaker; social activities; bilingual leaflets, factsheets, a lending library of books, and resources and fundraising.

Anyone interested in helping young people with dyspraxia and its associated conditions, such as dyslexia and ADHD, to reach their full potential, can contact the group on ***valedyspraxia@aol.com*** *or 01446 738945.*

PACT MEETINGS

PACT surgery for DYFAN ward, Barry, August 10, North Walk Community Centre, 2pm-4.30pm.
ILLTYD PACT, 7pm, on August 16, Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry.
ST ATHAN PACT, August 7, The Gathering Place, at 2pm.
PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, August 11, Pendoylan School, 7.45pm.
LLANDOW/EWENNY PACT, August 17, Ewenny Village Hall, 7pm.
LLANDOUGH PACT, Llandough Memorial Hall, August 17. 7pm.

NEWYDDION YSGOL GYMRAEG SANT BARUC NEWS

Aquathlon success in Cardiff for Barry pupils

AR ddydd Sul y 10fed o Orffennaf, cafodd nifer o ddisgyblion Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc y profiad o gymryd rhan mewn cystadleuaeth acwathlon a oedd yn rhan o gemau Caerdydd, Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

Cynhaliwyd y gystadleuaeth yng nghanolfan hamdden Maendy, Caerdydd ac roedd plant o ysgolion ar draws Bro Morgannwg a Chaerdydd yn cystadlu.

Cystadleuaeth nofio a rhedeg dros bellter penodol yw acwathlon ac roedd yn sialens enfawr i'r disgyblion.

Morgan Long, Alfie Davies, Megan Roberts a Saul Connelly fu'n cynrychioli blwyddyn 5 a 6 a fu'n nofio 150m ac yna rhedeg 1.5km.

Shophie Thomas, Olivia Townsend, Joel Clarke, Cian Davies oedd yn cynrychioli blwyddyn 3 a 4 a fu' n nofio 100m ac yna rhedeg 1km o gwmpas y trac.

Diolch o galon i Mr Kenyon am drefnu'r digwyddiad.

Roedd safon y cystadlu yn uchel iawn ym mhob categori ac felly gwych oedd gweld Olivia yn derbyn y drydedd wobr yng nghategori merched blwyddyn 3a 4 a Cian y drydedd wobr yng nghategori Bechgyn blwyddyn 3 a 4.

Yna welsom Saul yn derbyn yr 2il wobr ac Alfie y wobr gyntaf yng nghategori bechgyn blwyddyn 5 a6.

Rydym yn falch iawn o bob un ohonoch, roeddech yn gredyd i Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc. Diolch o galon i Mr Kenyon am drefnu'r digwyddiad, ac i rieni a staff am gefnogi.

ON July 10, pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc had the amazing experience of taking part in an Aquathlon competition, a part of Urdd Gobaith Cymru's Cardiff Games.

The competition was held in Cardiff at Maindy's leisure centre, and children from schools across the Vale and Cardiff came there to compete.

Aquathlon is similar to a triathlon competition, but without the bicycle leg, and this was a massive challenge for the pupils.

Morgan Long, Alfie Davies, Megan Roberts and Saul Connelly represented years 5 and 6.

Firstly they swam 150m, before running 1.5km.

Sophie Thomas, Olivia Townsend, Joel Clarke, Cian Davies represented years 3 and 4 and they swam 100m before running 1km around the track.

The standard of competitors was extremely high in every category, so we were very pleased to see Olivia receiving third prize in the years 3-4 category and also Cian – third in the boys year-3-4 category.

Then we saw a very close end to the years-5 - 6 boys' race, with Saul coming second and Alfie winning the race.

We are very proud of all the children who took part, as they all did their best, and were a credit to the school. A heartfelt 'thank you' to Mr Kenyon, for organising for the children to take part and to the teachers and parents for supporting.

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WELL DONE, STANWELL!

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who took part in year-8 at Stanwell School's recent brilliant production of *Bugsy Malone*.

The school must be very proud of its talented actors, musicians and dedicated teachers who put in so much time and effort to produce such a professional show. Well done. Fan-tas-tic!

J Griffiths, Penarth

Swish for charity

BARRY women are invited to trade in some favourite sartorial items – and raise cash for a breast cancer charity at the same time.

Local resident, Aimee Nicholls, is holding a 'swishing party' – an event becoming more popular in these cash-strapped days.

Aimee explained: "A 'swishing party' is basically a clothes swap, where you buy a ticket in advance for £5

"Everyone must bring at least three items of quality clothing, accessories or shoes (clothes should be washed and ironed)" She continued: "No item may be claimed before the swish opens, but as soon as the swish is declared open, everyone may take what they want."

The event, which is raising money for Breast Cancer Care, is for ladies only and takes place on Thursday, September 8, from 7:30pm at Barry Dock Conservative Club, Station Street, Barry.

Aimee added: "The pub has kindly let us have the room for free, so all the money raised will be donated to Breast Cancer Care. You will be able to purchase drinks from the bar."

A closer look at the people in the Market Town of Maesteg

THE QUEEN OF THE VALLEYS RETAINS A HOMELY TOUCH

MAESTEG was known in years gone by as the Queen of the Valleys – a title that many still feel is more than justified.

Unlike neighbouring valleys, Maesteg is a basin which enabled the town centre to develop over a wider area.

The valley floor is very extensive and the mountain slopes are sufficiently distant to completely eradicate any sense of being hemmed in.

The town's wealth in the heyday of the industrial revolution is obvious in the quality of the many buildings in the town centre.

Pride of place goes to the Town Hall, which was built by the miners in the 1880s and which has remained a focal point for the valley's cultural and social life ever since.

But that is only one of a cluster of listed buildings in the centre. These include North's Library, which was also built by the miners as a library, and remained in use until the old Glamorgan County Council, in its wisdom, decided that it would be more appropriate to put the library in a flat roofed building at the back, which is much too small for the needs of the town.

The council offices in Talbot Street have just been restored at a cost of more than £200,000 and we also have North's Offices, which was the HQ of the coal mining company North's Navigation – plus St David's Church and the Art Déco style post office.

All of these buildings give Maesteg a unique flavour – coupled with the Edwardian and late Victorian shops that abound in the town's two main streets.

Sadly, in recent years, the outdoor market has declined, thanks to a disastrous re-design undertaken by the former Ogwr Borough Council in the 1990s, which saw the construction of hideous metal-fronted stalls and a metal canopy.

All of this is now being swept away in a new revamp, again funded by the taxpayer, which (hopefully) this time will take account of what the traders and customers actually want. *Time will tell.*

The town's indoor market is beneath the Town Hall and some recent new arrivals have breathed new life back into this institution.

Although it is not being revamped itself, improvements to the outdoor market will undoubtedly revitalise this institution.

Maesteg, like many other town centres, has suffered in recent years from the loss of national chains like Woolworth's and Ethel Austin, but there have also been some new arrivals – notably Peacock's, which moved into the former Woolworth's store.

The town still has a number of successful chain stores like Argos, Wilkinson, Iceland and Aldi which are located in the town centre and help to draw people to the town.

Asda is the latest arrival, after taking over the former Somerfield store, and this is also within a stone's throw of the town centre, boosting the number of people coming in to town.

The town's main asset remains the free car park in Llynfi Road and a similar car park at the Asda store.

But perhaps Maesteg's greatest asset is its homely and friendly atmosphere. It's a town where most people know each other, where shopkeepers know their customers, and where there's a warm welcome for visitors.

The next few years may be tough, but the indomitable community spirit of the Llynfi Valley will, hopefully, allow the town centre to survive and carry on fulfilling the important social function of giving local people somewhere to shop, where they can meet their friends and interact with each other.

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Meet the people!

Volunteers Jan Brady and Nicola Ellis from Maesteg Animal Welfare.

Richard David (Snr) former publican, with Betty Carter. The Old House was Betty's birthplace and now her 'home from home' as a time-served regular. The inn is now run by 'Little' Richard – he was camera shy!

Marcelle Humphreys and Liz (Buffy) Langdon from Sew & Sew.

'Captured on camera' – Kevin and Tracy Priddy from Kobblers Ltd.

Oh, 'Big' Richard's not happy... Meanwhile, step-granddaughter, Naomi Walsh, continues to serve the thirsty customers at their family-run hostelry – The Old House.

Ashley Morgan from The Daily News.

21 – AGAIN!

Happy birthday! (August 4) Richard Collins from Travella.

Owain Roberts with his grandparents Margaret and Desmond Davies – regulars at The Old House Inn. Desmond is renowned for his local knowledge and history of the area.

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Here's to the next 25 years!

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IT'S A KNOCKOUT COPS £25,000 FOR TY HAFAN HOSPICE!

ABOVE:
South Wales Police rugby players were keen to support one of the country's great causes.

RIGHT:
Arm-twisting a competitor to get on with it!

ON SUNDAY, the rugby pitch at Waterton welcomed 'It's a Knockout' competitors from across Wales – a total of 27 teams took part in wet and wacky challenges, one of which included South Wales Police Rugby players.

In sunny conditions, competitors completed sack races, bouncy castle basketball, sponge throwing, muddy wellington tug of war, plus many other activities.

Assistant Chief Constable Matt Jukes, who joined the rugby fundraising team, said: "It was an amazing day and it was brilliant to see so many families having a fun day out.

"We were proud to be one of the event sponsors, and it was great to welcome so many people to the home of our rugby team."

South Wales Police RFC player/manager Steve Lyons said: "We were all very proud to take part and support such a great charity in Ty Hafan. I

"It certainly provided a different type of training ahead of the new season!"

It is expected that the event will raise more than £25,000 for the Ty Hafan hospice at Sully.

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END-OF-TERM NEWS ROUND-UP FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Students prepare for life in the workplace

BARRY Comprehensive School's pupils spent the final two weeks of term looking ahead to the opportunities awaiting them in the workplace.

The school's 'work-related learning week' saw pupils working towards the British Safety Council's entry level hazard awareness qualification, engaging in a mentoring and coaching seminar, and looking into options after year-11 with a talk by Careers Wales.

A new feature this year was a careers fair, where pupils from year-9 to year-13 spent July 12 exploring the opportunities available to them. They came away with bags full of information and ideas.

More than 30 exhibitors attended, covering sectors – such as higher and further education, public service, retail, catering, as well as engineering and construction.

With such a varied array of exhibitors, students were able to get first hand information and a better awareness of the choices on offer in and around the Vale.

Brought together by Mr Rees, with help from Careers Wales, the event was very successful with pupils commenting: "It was great to see so many different companies in our school" and "I didn't realise that there were so many different jobs for me".

The headteacher, Mr Swallow, commented;: "Pupils genuinely gained so much from today. They were very positive about the experience and it is clear that they have been motivated to work harder over the coming months to gain the qualifications they need."

The week ended with an inspiring *Apprentice*-style task for year-10.

This year's challenge was to produce a new aftershave brand, complete with marketing ideas.

Year-10 really got into the spirit of the competition, trying their hardest to out-do their friends.

Following their week of preparation, our intrepid year-10 students began their work experience placements on July 18.

It can be a daunting experience for students, mixing with adults in the working world for the first time and feeling pressure to demonstrate that they are mature and responsible and have the necessary skills to succeed.

As a school, we are proud of our students and are always pleased to receive positive reports on their conduct.

This year has been particularly successful, with many of our boys having very good experiences.

It is always difficult to name individuals, but there are several boys who have had a particularly good week.

Mathew David was hugely complimented on his work at the Garden Centre Group, St. Mellons.

He was given the opportunity of achieving food hygiene certificates and health and safety certificates.

Ryan Andrews was very successful at the Vale Food Service and has already been offered part-time work.

David Gent was described as one of the best students High Street School has worked with, and Myles German demonstrated an affinity with exotic animals after his experience in the interestingly named, 'Bite Me!'

A special thanks to all the employers and businesses who volunteered their time and expertise to help our students. **AC**

ABOVE: David Gent with students at High Street School.

Great career opportunities were on offer with the Air Force.

ABOVE: Young engineers at British Airways.

Councillors' surgery

LABOUR councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, August 6, between 10.30am and 12pm at the Drop-In Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No apppointment is needed. Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506 116, or 01446 401595.

Play Rangers

VALE Play Rangers will be out and about during the summer holidays, providing free activities for children and young people in the area.

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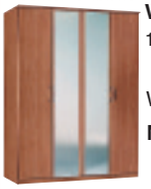
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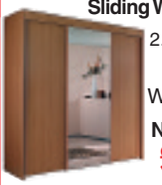
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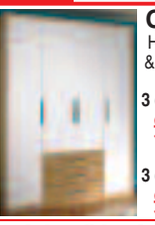
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A message from the Show President

'Show is the highlight of summer'

Coun Jeffrey James.

WHAT a pleasant surprise it was to have been invited to be President of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society for this year.

It is, of course, a great honour and I intend to take a leading role in this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show.

I have witnessed the enormous amount of work that has gone into planning for the show.

It promises to be the best yet – so please ensure you come and join me on Wednesday, August 10 at its regular home at Fonmon.

I have attended many Vale Shows over the years and it has been amazing to see them continue to grow in size and importance.

The Show is now the highlight of the Vale summer and, of course, it represents the very best of the farming excellence we have in this part of Wales.

However, it is not just an agricultural showcase, but represents a wide range of interests – from horticulture to horses, from bees to bulls, food and beverage – and such a range of trade stands that it is a shopper's delight.

It attracts entrants and visitors from all over Wales and even further afield, but it is important that people in the Vale come and support us and, most importantly, enjoy a great day out.

I know that buses have been laid on by the Vale of Glamorgan Council from various parts of the Vale, to enable as many as you as possible to attend and enjoy all that is on offer.

The Show represents all that is good in the Vale and I look forward to seeing you on August 10.

Coun JEFFREY JAMES, OStJ
(President, Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society)

CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, BEES AND DOGS...

What a Show we have in store at Fonmon this year!

WITH so much happening at the show this year, it is difficult to know where to start...there will be cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, horses, falcons, bees, and a KC registered dog show.

There is a horticultural show, craft fair, home produce show, shopping mall, food hall, and more than 250 other trade stands.

The society is delighted that Ceri Davies is coming along to demonstrate his skill at sheep shearing – the wool that he shears will be used by the Tawe Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers to demonstrate their craft and to promote the use of this wonderful natural product.

They will be situated next to the agricultural marquee, which will house chickens and pet lambs – as well as Dolly the wooden cow for children to try their hand at milking!

Local farmers will be on hand to answer questions on 'Farming in the Vale'.

Mr and Mrs Griffin are hoping that they will have a good entry in the horticultural section – there are classes for both amateur and professional gardener, so why not have a go?

Home produce secretary, Janet Lewis, is also still taking entries for cookery, floral and children's classes.

The show starts at 8.30am with the showing classes, which culminate in the main ring at 3pm and the grand parade of prize-winning animals.

Back by popular demand this year are the White Helmet motorcycle display team. They will be roaring into action at 4pm.

The White Helmets have been performing for 81 years and are recognised by many as the most accomplished motorcycle display team in the world.

The South Wales Police Dogs will be demonstrating the operational use of police dogs in a light-hearted and entertaining manner at 4.45pm, followed by an exciting six-bar show jumping competition and finally, to end the day, hair raising and very entertaining hunt scurry.

Chairman, Robert Llewellyn of Great House, Farm, Penllyn, said: "This really does promise to be an excellent show.

"We have almost sold out of trade space and entries in the horse classes are very good – but, unfortunately, the dairy cow entry is down due to TB. However, there are plenty of beef cattle and sheep."

We are delighted to welcome the beekeepers back with their wonderful bee tent.

Members of the public are encouraged to get dressed up in a professional bee suit and see a hive of honey bees being opened inside a bee-proof tent.

As long as the weather is warm and not windy, you will have the chance to see the queen bee.

It's a very good way to see how a beehive works.

The society is delighted that the Vale Council will be bringing along their marquee full of entertainment and information.

The society is very grateful to the council, who have again laid on buses to transport people from various parts of the Vale to the show.

(Information can be had by telephoning Caring coaches on 01446 421117).

If that isn't enough to entertain the children, there will also be a fairground Punch and Judy shows, circus workshops, laser clays and archery – not forgetting Jeff with the road train, to transport you all from one end of the field to the other.

The Vale Show is a great day out for all the family, so come and join us at Fonmon on August 10.

For further information, telephone 01446 710099, or look at the website www.vale-ofglamorganshow.co.uk to view schedules.

NICOLA GIBSON
(General secretary of the Vale Show)

ABOVE: People attend the show from all over Wales and from parts of England too.

ABOVE: There are lots of attractions for the children dotted over the showground.

ABOVE: The Vale of Glamorgan Show is one of the most prestigious events in the Welsh rural calendar.

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Children swarm to beekeeping!

ABOVE: Getting a real 'buzz'...

ONCE again, Swansea and District Beekeepers are delighted to be invited to the Vale Show; it will be our third attendance and we call ourselves The Swansea Bee Experience.

Our display has become very popular. We attend quite a number of agricultural shows.

Our main problem is having to disappoint show organisers, as we need a lot of volunteers on the day, assisting people into their bee suits and erecting our display.

Bees and beekeeping have been through a bad patch over the past couple of years, and our objective is to encourage more people to take up beekeeping and to describe some of our problems.

Our display has been a real success with youngsters. We have seen children as young as four being dressed in bee suits and handling frames of bees.

In the six years our display has been running, no person has been stung (*apart from a wasp sting last year*).

In 2009, we saw 114 people through our display. In 2010, 112 people passed through, and all said they enjoyed the experience.

We are looking forward to this year's Show and hope for a fine day.

MIKE CRAM

Red hot show thrills with the White Helmets display team!

THE White Helmets' motorcycle display is a mixture of unique feats of balance, skill and coordination and high-impact high-speed cross-over rides.

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They last appeared at the Vale Show in 2006, and proved extremely popular with the crowd.

The team have been performing for 81 years in the UK and Europe.

They are part of the Army and in particular, the Royal Corps of Signals, and have been recognised by many as the most accomplished motorcycle display team in the world.

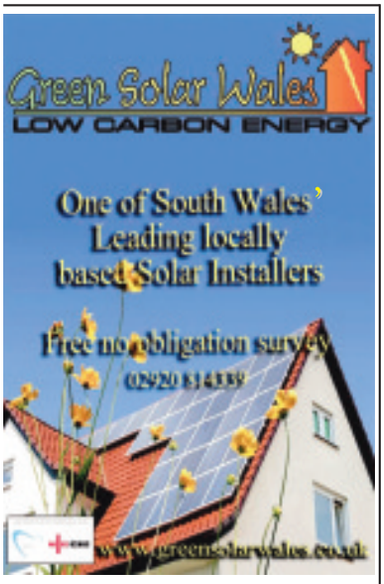
The team originated from despatch riders who, in 1927, were brought together to perform a display of skilled horsemanship and motorcycle riding for the public in Yorkshire.

The horses were retired in 1936, as the whole army became mechanised, and so they began performing displays solely on their motorcycle riding skills.

The team will have a stand at the show which will be open for the public to view the bikes and see their merchandise.

They will be roaring into the main ring on show day at 4pm to thrill and entertain us all.

The White Helmets demonstrate their balancing skills.



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Long-serving horticulturalists are the mainstay of display!

IT is 25 years since Terry Griffin took over the mantle as chairman of the horticultural section for the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society.

Maureen, his wife, was already on the committee when a meeting was called in the house of Mrs March (Heather's mother-in-law) in Llanmaes.

At the time, Mr Mervyn Thomas of Dros y Mor farm was the chairman of the society and everyone appeared to be resigning from the horticultural section after many years of service.

Terry just happened to take Maureen to the meeting and was sitting at the back – when he offered to help Mervyn out and take on the chairman of the horticultural section job for a year.

Each year afterwards, when Mervyn saw Terry at the show, he would encourage him by saying *"Keep going, boy!"* .

Maureen has been the horticultural section secretary since Terry became chairman.

The horticultural committee has dwindled over the years and is now down to just three, David Butt being the other one, though he is only able to help out at showtime.

Monty Price, another long-serving member, retired two years ago. However, Terry says as long as he can count on his friends to help out at showtime, they can manage.

Thank goodness for Tom Mitchell, who does so much of the heavy work at showtime. Happily, he has agreed to join them as vice-chairman this year.

Terry is a keen member of the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and he is able to draw on help from his many friends there – including Geraint Hopkins, one of the horticultural section stewards.

Maureen said: "After 25 years in the job, the night before the show in the horticultural marquee is like a family gathering."

They would both like to retire, but enjoy the show immensely. They have met so many wonderful and extremely capable people over their time in office.

This year, the society is delighted that Terry and Maureen have agreed to be vice-presidents.

Each year they find that entries are difficult to attract and very few youngsters seem to be interested in showing flowers or vegetables.

However, Terry said: "The standard of vegetables shown in the 2010 show was excellent, proving that the 'grow your own produce' idea is very successful."

They do try to put on new classes to attract people and have found that the collaret dahlia classes are now very popular with growers.

Maureen hopes that there will be an abundance of floral exhibits at the show this year.

Terry is trying to encourage people to exhibit for the first time. If you grow flowers or veg, why not take the plunge and enter some novice classes and prove that you, too, can win prizes?

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Maureen and Terry Griffin.

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Home produce, floral crafts and children's competitions

THE 2011 Vale Show is almost here, and the Cardiff Airport marquee of home produce, floral crafts and children's competitions,will again have many inviting entries for the public to view.

Our schedule is varied, with many classes for people to enter.

This year, we have introduced in our preserve class, a jar of set honey, hoping to attract local beekeepers to support us.

In the cookery section, why not try the scrumptious apricot and banana loaf? For the male entrants this year, why not enter five jam tarts?

Flower arrangements are always very colourful, as are all the crafts and art entries.

The children's classes range up to 16 years.

The primary schools entering this year in the handwriting section are Rhws Primary School and St Illtyd Primary School.

The Chairman's Cup competition is a selection of five items of cookery titled 'Afternoon Tea'.

Our marquee will be open to the public at 12.30pm, after the judging has taken place.

Schedules are available from the secretary on 01443 225202.

JANET LEWIS
(Hon secretary)

Shearing and spinning new at Show for 2011

MEMBERS of the Tawe Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers are attending the Vale Show this year, to share with as many people as possible their traditional crafts.

To complete the demonstration, the society is delighted that Ceri Davies, last seen shearing on the BBC coverage of the Royal Welsh Show, has agreed to come along to shear a sheep every half an hour or so.

The wool from these sheep will then be used to eventually produce a woolly jumper!

Ceri will bring along his shearing kit and a local farmer, Christopher Edwards, has kindly offered to bring a few lambs for him to shear.

Ceri and members of the guild will be on hand to answer any questions about the process.

Local farmers would like to promote the quality and use of Welsh wool, a product that has sadly been overtaken by cheap, synthetic materials.

It now costs nearly as much to shear a sheep, a process necessary for animal welfare, as the price a farmer is paid for its wool.

Members of the Tawe Guild are keen to inspire people of all ages to try their crafts for themselves.

To help with this, they have been assisted by a grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund.

'KEEP ELDERLY IN MIND...'

Care expert urges

LOOKING out for elderly neighbours shouldn't be reserved for winter months, according to Huw Owen, director of the care at home provider, Bluebird Care.

As temperatures soar, summer can be as much of a challenge for the elderly with heat stress, exhaustion and heat stroke posing serious risks.

"We're reminded to check on our neighbours when the weather is cold, but the elderly are vulnerable at other times, too," Mr Owen said.

Figures suggest that three in five women and around 36 per cent of men in Great Britain aged 75 and over, live alone.

"I know from the work Bluebird Care does in Cardiff and the Vale that elderly people want to carry on living in their own homes, and rightly so.

"The flipside can be loneliness and difficulties with everyday tasks, as well as health issues.

"Obviously, there are varying degrees, but sometimes all an elderly neighbour needs is to see a friendly face and, above all, to know there's someone nearby they can call on," Mr Owen concluded.

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Rugby stars 'pumped' to Show!

VISITORS to the Vale Show will have a chance to spend time with some of Wales' best-known rugby stars.

Ospreys and Wales star Shane Williams and former Wales and Scarlets player Dafydd Jones will be on hand to help independent oil distribution company, Oil 4 Wales, at its stand at the Show.

Since launching in September 2010, Oil 4 Wales has developed strong links with the agricultural community in the Vale, supplying red diesel, gas oil and kerosene to a range of farms, small holdings and farm shops in the area.

Managing director, Colin Owens, said: "Agricultural events, such as the Vale Show, are a great opportunity for us to get out and about and meet the farming community, which we work so closely with.

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A must for the ladies will be Tina Drake's stand 'The Life of the Bee'. Tina will be displaying her lovely facial and hand creams and various types of honey.

The craft marquee will be open from 9.30am until 6pm.

ANNE ARNOTT

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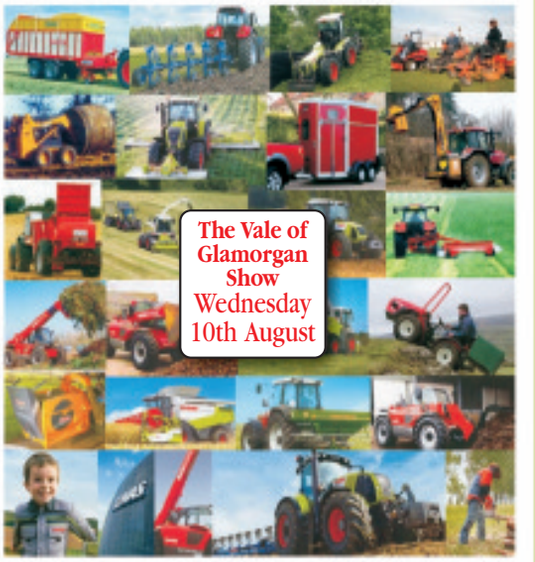

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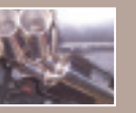

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BRYN HAFREN headmaster, Mr Phil Whitcombe, welcomed former boxing champion Nicky Piper as the special guest for the school's annual awards ceremony.

As you can see from Ian Dixon's photographs, it was an opportunity to honour the special achievements of the school's young people in the last year.

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FESTIVAL OF GOLF AT LOCAL CLUB

WENVOE Castle Golf Club celebrated its 75th anniversary in fine style with a packed eight-day festival of golf, played in absolutely perfect weather conditions.

The golf course was in an immaculate condition following excellent preparation by the head greenkeeper, Mark Wilshire, and his dedicated team.

The individual events were organised to reflect the strong links between Wenvoe Castle and all other golf clubs throughout the region, and this was clearly seen by the high level of entries with more than 1,200 golfers taking part in a variety of individual and team events.

The week-long festival opened and finished with special 'anniversary' competitions for club members, and in between there were: a mixed open; ladies open; Hallett and Friends; seniors challenge and Wayfarers and Friends, each of which reflected the traditional competitions held over the years.

Each event was sponsored and a main benefactor of the sponsorship will be the captain's nominated charity – Wales Air Ambulance.

The golfing week was rounded off by the anniversary ball, held in a huge marquee neatly fitted into the historical courtyard setting.

The 140 guests were treated to a deluxe buffet prepared and superbly presented by the club chef, David Reis and his catering team.

Club captain, Tony Cumming, took the opportunity to thank Chris Tatt, who acted as co-ordinator of the festival, who was supported by individual club members. The captain also thanked the lady captain, Tina Church, and the ladies section for their support, particularly in providing refreshments at the Half Way House, aptly named the 'Castle Cabin'.

The captain also thanked the club secretary, Nicky Sims and club professional Jason Harris, together with the steward Simon Gatheridge and all staff for their considerable effort throughout the week.

The evening also saw the concluding monthly Lotto draw which had been the vehicle to raise funds towards the festival. The final pot was £500 and it was quite a coincidence that the captain selected the winning numbers and promptly donated half to his nominated charity, the Air Ambulance, and the remainder to fund the Hog Roast held the previous evening – his generosity was warmly applauded!

Results

Saturday, July 9, 75th Anniversary Cup (Members only) 4BBB: 1st, Geoff May and Jeff Hull 42 pts (best back 6 holes); 2nd, Chris Tatt and Alan McCracken 42 pts; 3rd, Pat Regan and Matthew Gill 41 pts.

Sunday, July 10 - Mixed Open: 1st, Rob Campbell and Sandra Cook (Wenvoe Castle) 45 points; 2nd, Steve Morgan (Pontypool) and Elizabeth Ellis (St Mary's) 43; 3rd, Viv and Lyn Williams (Wenvoe Castle) 42.

Monday, July 11 - Ladies Open Team Event: 1st, Carol Rayer, Pat John and Hazel Daniels (Vale of Glamorgan) 88 pts; 2nd, Mary Burke, Janette Watkins and Anna Coleman (Vale of Glamorgan/St. Mellons) 85 pts; 3rd, Sheila Morrow, Lynda McCarthy and Ann Roberts (Wenvoe Castle/Kenilworth/Whitchurch) 84 pts.

Tuesday, July 12 - Hallett and Friends Open Team Event: 1st, Lloyd Evans, Matthew Gill, Pat Regan (Wenvoe Castle) 84 points; 2nd, J Brown, H Reece and S Moore (Radyr) 78 pts; 3rd M Evans, K Jones and L Jones (Pontypridd) 73.

Wednesday, July 13 – Seniors Challenge Team Event: 1st, Alan Sims, Geoff Green, Lennie Mapstone and Terry O'Grady (Wenvoe Castle) 127 points; 2nd, Tom Costello, Bobby Woodruff, Michael St Clare and Peter Griffiths (Wenvoe Castle) 121 (best back nine); 3rd, Colin Williams, Hugh Jones, Brian Green and Alan Grant (Wenvoe Castle) 121.

Thursday, July 14 – Wayfarers and Friends Team/Individual Event Team Event: 1st, Chris Tatt, Roy Hill and Colin Champ (Wenvoe Castle) 97 points; 2nd, Jordan Ivory, Rhys Ivory and Dean Milton (Wenvoe Castle) 94; 3rd, Lee Ivory, Kevin Knowles and Keith Stimpson (Wenvoe Castle) 91.

Individual Stableford: 1st, S Rees (Parc) 40 points; 2nd, M Nash (Mountain Ash) 38 (best back six holes); 3rd, Jordan Ivory (Wenvoe Castle) 38.

Friday, July 15 – Anniversary Plate (members only) Texas Scramble: 1st, Chris Jones, Rob Campbell, Alan Stephenson and Bobby Woodruff 56.4 strokes; 2nd, Lee Ivory, Keith Stimpson, Kevin Knowles, Lloyd Evans 56.9 strokes.

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Jeff Hull and Geoff May.

ABOVE: Chris Jones, Rob Campbell, Boby Woodruff and Alan Stephenson, the winners of the 75th Anniversary Plate receive their prizes from club captain Tony Cumming.

ABOVE: Mixed Open winners Sandra Cook and Rob Campbell receive their crystal trophies from Tony Cumming.

Alan Sims, winner of the Seniors Challenge, with club president Brian Coffin (left) and Alan Hancock (event organiser).

Matthew Gill, Lloyd Evans and Pat Regan, the winners of 'Hallett and Friends' receive their trophies from Brian Coffin and Kevin Stickler (event organiser).

Chris Tatt, Roy Hill and Colin Champ, winners of the 'Wayfarers and Friends' with the Wayferers president.

CADOXTON TAE KWON DO STUDENTS TRIUMPH IN SWANSEA COMPETITION

ON July 17, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do travelled to Swansea to attend the fourth tournament of a series of six Welsh master tournaments.

This tournament was a good test of the students' progress as it was the last tournament before the World Games in August, with a total of 28 trophies taken on the day, 10 gold, 11 silver and seven bronze.

Successful in their respective categories were: Lucy Newman, 2nd continuous, 2nd in point sparring and taking 2nd in the pattern section; Matthew Bennett, 2nd in continuous and 3rd in point sparring; Ollie Tipples, 1st on point and 2nd in continuous sparring; Shannon Haysham, 3rd in point sparring; Morganne Gomez Jones, 2nd in continuous sparring; Cian Allen, 2nd in continuous and 2nd in point sparring; Bradley Halford, 1st in continuous and 1st in point sparring; Thomas Haysham, 1st in continuous, 1st in point sparring and 3rd in the pattern section; Liam Rees, 2nd in continuous sparring and 3rd in point sparring; Cameron Williams, 1st in continuous and 1st in point sparring; Dafydd Jones, 3rd in point and 3rd in continuous sparring; Jamie Halford, 1st in the men's point sparring.

Also taking 3rd place in the youth point sparring were: Cody Jacobsen, 1st in continuous and 2nd in point sparring, and Lucas Brigham, 3rd in point sparring.

Brushing off the dust after several years of not training, Keita Enfield showed that she had not lost any of her kicking ability and came away with 1st place in point sparring and 2nd in the women's patterns.

Just missing out this time and competing for the first time were, Logan Brigham, Daniel Quigley and Jasmine Sullivan.

The next tournament is the big one – the World Games, which this year are being held in UWIC Sports Arena, Cardiff, during August.

ABOVE: Jamie Halford, Liam Rees, Matthew Bennett, Keita Enfield. Daniel Quigley, Jasmine Sullivan, Lucy Newman, Bradley Halford, Thomas Haysham. Cody Jacobsen, Ollie Tipples, Cameron Williams, Shannon Haysham, Cian Allen,

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Any person wishing to make representations in respect of this application should do so to the Licensing Section in writing by the 23rd August 2011

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Maureen XXX

FRASER
Betty

Peacefully on July 29 at Milsom House, St Athan, Betty, formerly of Cowbridge, beloved wife of the late Thomas, dearly loved mother of Ian and Diana, much loved grandmother of Helen, Sally and Victoria.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday August 5, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu if desired the Stroke Association c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

MANGAT
Baldev Singh

The family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their sympathy shown to them at this sad time. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses that cared for Baldev during his illness.

BURNETT
Percy

Nancy and Marilyn wish to thank all the family and friends, and all who attended Percy's funeral on July 15.

For the kind messages, cards and donations to the British Heart Foundation and for the wonderful support and kindness shown by so many at this sad time.

SHERRARD
Martin George (Sherry)

Suddenly but peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, on Tuesday July 19, 2011, aged 86 years.

Beloved husband of Mary, father of David and father-in-law of Lesley, and a loving grandfather to Cristina and Michael.

The funeral service will take place at 11.30am on Friday August 5 at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers if desired can be made to a charity of your choice. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 33 St Isan Road, Health, Cardiff CF14 4LU. Tel: 02920 755555.

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Always think of you, Kev.
God bless, love your Mum and Dad in Portsmouth XXXX

Congratulations

Gary Mills

Many congratulations on receiving a HNC in Building Services Engineering (HVAC Electrical) from University of Glamorgan.

Birthdays

Jacques Stephan Vanderwarker

Happy 7th Birthday on August 3rd.
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Steve Vanderwarker

Happy 65th Birthday PaPa on August 7th

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END-OF-TERM NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG

A busy end of year sees pupils travelling to far-flung places

PUPILS from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg travelled far and wide during the latter half of the summer term.

Year-9 pupils took part in the second leg of the exchange with Leininger Gymnasium in June, and weeks later around 70 of them travelled to north Wales to the annual residential course at Glanllyn.

Year-10 pupils completed their Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition in the Brecon Beacons.

ABOVE: Year-9 pupils who went on the exchange trip.

RIGHT: End of term activities included water fights!

Well done!

THE school congratulates Steffan Jones, who has represented Wales in a seven-a-side rugby tournament in Romania.

Steffan was talent spotted playing for the school in the recent Welsh Games. The 7-a-side rugby team did fantastically to reach the semi final, and the school's athletes also enjoyed the experience of taking part in these inaugural games.

Lois is a top spelling bee

ANOTHER pupil to be congratulated is Lois Aled (year-7), who came fourth in a nationwide spelling competition organised by CILT and Routes into Languages.

She reached an amazing standard of spelling in a tight and tense final, held recently at the National Museum, Cardiff.

'Working with Others'

IN a new initiative to credit the 'Welsh Bacc' pupils with the skill of 'Working with Others', year-12 pupils co-operated to arrange activities for a morning spent in all our feeder primary schools.

It was a resounding success, with older and younger pupils enjoying themselves thoroughly.

Eisteddfod Success

IN Swansea, the junior dramatic presentation and Georgina Griggs (musical solo) won first prize and Megan Morris (harp solo) was awarded second place, along with the prize for most promising harpist.

For the first time ever, pupils triumphed in creative writing competitions, with Megan Thomason winning the year-9 poetry competition and Jacob Ellis winning the first prize in the year-12 and year-13 poetry competition.

Final curtain

THE last week of term saw two different projects taking place.

The drama and English departments worked with year-7 pupils to stage an amazing production of *Midsummer Night's Dream* on the Monday, and on Wednesday the whole school took part in a large variety of activities.

Many thanks to Ms Cari Ormerod for co-ordinating the whole day and to the staff for their dedication.

MoD teams deliver a 'Knockout'

ABOVE: Here come the girls..!

THREE teams from MoD St Athan entered the 'Ty Hafan – It's a Knockout Challenge' recently to try to retain the championship title for the second year running.

Although the weather stayed dry, everyone who took part got decidedly wet as they did battle with the likes of the bungee mat, the squeezies and tubes full of foam.

The MoD was represented by 'Here come the Girls', Hangover Part 3 and The Posers.

All the teams battled hard throughout the day, but the proud winners to finally topple last year's champions and take the coveted title of It's a Knockout Champions 2011 were the Old Pens from Penarth.

The event was again kindly sponsored by the Foresters.

The regional membership manager, Elizabeth Carrington-Porter, commented: "In supporting the It's a Knockout event, our hope is to encourage lots of families to have fun together in taking part, and also as spectators, to raise much-needed funds for Ty Hafan and the wonderful work that they do."

Event organiser Helen Gibbons, from Ty Hafan, added: "I would like to thank everyone involved in making the day such a success, including South Wales Police and, of course, all the teams for taking part.

"All the money raised will help Ty Hafan continue providing care and support to life-limited children, and their families, from across Wales."

The Llantwit A bowlers struggle

LLANTWIT A were at Millward last Saturday for their sixth division match.

They were short of three key players who were on first team duty, and were playing against a team who were in fine form.

Captain R Gray's rink of E Lamb, K Morgan and D Lancaster dropped three shots on the first end, but then took control and never looked back, picking up seven shots on the ninth end. They kept it up and won by eight shots.

Eric Sparks's rink of W Evans, P Aston and M Pitman, started well and were 11-10 after 13 ends.

For the remainder of the game, the back end players took over. It was a battle between the two skips and although Eric consistently altered the head in Llantwit's favour, the home side had the last word.

Llantwit picked up one shot on the last end, losing 12-22.

Roy Harding's rink of C Williams, I Williamson and K Williams were in trouble from the start, and for C Williams, playing in his first league game, it was a baptism of fire!

The home team were in fine form and won by 17 shots.

A Harvey's rink of P Brown, G Marchant and M Mason were unable to restrain the home side and lost by 12 shots.

Rink scores: R Gray 29-21; E Sparks 12-22; R Harding 10-27; A Harvey 10-22.

Total score: 56-92.

'Insulate your homes'
–Vale MP urges residents

VALE MP Alun Cairns, is calling on constituents to "take positive action" to winter-proof their homes and save money.

He said: "Currently, around £1 of every £4 we spend on heating our homes is wasted, because of a lack of adequate insulation.

"With more than six million cavity walls unfilled, and more than 10 million lofts unlagged, huge amounts of money are being wasted.

"We all know that household budgets are stretched.

"One area where households in the Vale can take control of their budget is over energy bills, where simple steps will help you use less and save you money.

"If residents take action and get the free energy efficiency that they are entitled to, then they can save themselves hundreds of pounds every year. If they act now, they can be ready long before winter."

He added that following an agreement with the Government, the major energy suppliers were committed to improving the energy efficiency levels of much of the UK's housing stock – to the tune of £5.5billion.

He added: "Through this scheme, many vulnerable people have access to free energy efficiency measures."

Police warning after beach thefts

POLICE are warning the public not to leave belongings unattended on Barry Island, after a number of thefts recently.

They reported that on Tuesday, July 26, a group of people had gathered on the beach late into the evening due to the warm weather, when a male ran towards them and snatched personal property, including a handbag and two wallets, and then left in a vehicle.

Contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, if you have any information about the incident.

Seaview Lads enjoy trip

LAST weekend saw Seaview Lads setting out on the annual coach trip – this time to St David's and Porthgain.

Excellent weather conditions promised much but the fishing was generally poor, with few fish being landed and nothing of special merit.

On the day, Steve Doble landed the heaviest bag with two bull huss, while the largest pollack on the day was just 1lb 4oz (Peter Roderick); best wrasse was 2lb (Jodie Velda); and best dogfish 1lb 14oz.

Following the match, the group retired to Tenby for a civilised evening out, which was notable for the lack of any drama!

Man of the match award must surely go to Tony Gwyther for coordinating a splendid breakfast for an entire coachload – even if he did do a runner with the change!

Don't forget the next meeting is on August 11 at the Services Social.

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Conservation Area:/
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Application No:/
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SULLY CENTURIONS CRICKET ROUND-UP

FIRST TEAM BATTLE IN AN EPIC GAME – BUT ARE JUST PIPPED BY CARDIFF

SULLY Centurions' First XI entertained league leaders Cardiff and although losing, they played their part in an epic match that was a credit to the Premier League.

Cardiff batted first and were soon in all sorts of trouble as opening bowlers Daniel Rowe and Ryan Sylvester had them reeling at 25 for 3, including the prize wicket of Matthew Maynard for just 14.

A stand of 82 between Norman and Rees took them along to 115 for the next wicket, when Rees was stumped by Roger Clitheroe for a well made 43, off the bowling of Tom Evison.

Norman wasn't finished, however, and he enjoyed a stand of over 100 with Carter, which finished when Tom Evison had him caught by James Haswell for 118 with score on 248 for 7. The visitors had reached 271 for 8 at the end of the 50 overs.

In reply, Ryan Sylvester survived the loss of Mike O'Shea, Lloyd Smith and Shaz Rehan all for low scores and forged a century partnership with Roger Clitheroe, before losing his wicket via a stumping off the bowling of Fowler for 88, to leave Centurions on 155 for 4.

Roger went on to score a deserved half century, however, after it looked as though the hard work had been done both he and Jamie Sylvester (9) went with the score on 174.

Tom Evison (24) and Daniel Rowe (33) pushed the score along and it was looking as though we were in for a tight finish. However, the last three wickets went down for just three runs, leaving Centurions high and dry on 234 all out. Cardiff now look odds-on favourites to win the league – and deservedly so – but Sully were left to reflect on what might have been.

Sully 234 all out, Cardiff 271-8.

SECOND XI

CENTURIONS' Second XI travelled to Cardiff on a very humid afternoon.

Matthew Thomas, the Sully captain, won the toss and put Cardiff into bat, which proved to be the wrong decision as Cardiff made hay.

Cardiff openers Preece and Bridgeman took to the Sully attack right from the start and had put on 91 before Bridgeman fell, caught by Huw Williams off O'Sullivan for a bright 34.

This only brought Bowles to the wicket to join Preece, who made his 50 before being caught whipping the ball off his legs at mid-wicket by Ellis off the bowling of Terry Williams, the score now 96 for 2.

An 86-run partnership between Bowles and Hobbs followed, before Bowles was caught by Matthew Thomas off the bowling of Lloyd Bruce for 33.

Hobbs was run out by a direct hit by Lewis Doel for a fine 67 and then came a brisk 65-run partnership between Davenport and Elias at over a run a ball, before Elias was bowled by Bruce for 40, off just 22 balls.

Cardiff's innings came to a close on a huge 294 for 5, with the pick of the Sully bowlers being Lloyd Bruce with 2 for 74.

Centurions started their innings knowing they had to go at a run a ball at least to get anywhere near the Cardiff score, but this was not to happen and after they lost the wickets of Davies (12), Ellis (11), Williams (1), Bruce (13) and skipper Thomas (10), they were 88 for 5.

Young Ben Callow, batting after a visit to hospital after a knock on the head fielding, was to show maturity and mental strength as he batted 35 overs and 107 balls for a finely constructed 39 before he was caught behind.

He was ably supported by Owain Sullivan, as they put on 40. Sullivan was then joined by Lewis Doel who, unfortunately, was out for a duck with the score on 130-with five overs left for Cardiff to get the last three wickets for the win.

However, young Tom Edwards was not having any of it, and with Sullivan, put on 24 runs, Sully ending on 154 for 7.

Cardiff 294-5, Sully 154-7.

THIRD XI

THE Third XI chalked up another win at Wenvoe with this comprehensive seven-wicket victory over Croesyceiliog-Woodlands.

The visitors batted first and were in trouble right from the off, with Liam Bennett and Nathan Cuddihy picking up a couple of wickets each.

Edwards, with a well made 61, and Mason (20) were the pick of the Croesy batsmen, but the last three wickets fell for no runs, thanks mainly to Ricky Griffett, who nabbed an impressive 4 for 17, which finished off the opposition and the innings came to a halt on 135 all out.

The Centurions' response was positive and in spite of losing Herbie Miller for 12 and Christian Bruce for 8, Nick Jones and Ben Spear kept the runs flowing.

After Nick had departed for 48, Ben was joined by Dan Thacker (7 not out) and the pair saw Sully home in the 24th over, with Ben making an unbeaten 55 at the end.

Sully 138-3, Croesyceiliog Woodlands 135 all out.

FOURTH XI

THE Fourth XI travelled to Croesyceiliog and secured a big win and made history by registering three wins in a season for the first time.

Centurions batted first and Terry Sylvester (12) and Luke Burnett (19) enjoyed a partnership of 48 before they both fell within a few balls of each other.

Steve Morse went for a big heave and was caught for just 2 and Daniel Chaulk, who was beginning to look comfortable having put on 24 with Josh Bryan, was holed out for 11 with the score on 94.

Bryan carried on finding the boundary and reached his first ever league half century, eventually being caught out for a well made 62.

Paul Harrison (9) Mark Burnett (18) and Geoff Kingston (13) all helped in the push for batting points and Centurions finally finished on 186 all out – a decent score and one that was to prove well out of reach for Croesyciliog-Woodlands.

For the hosts, B Jones (3 for 47) and D Jones (4 for 35) were the main wicket takers.

Croesyceiliog-Woodlands were pegged back right from the start, with Josh Bryan (1 for 17 off 8 overs) and Reece Bennett (0 for 6 from 6) bowling an accurate line. The introduction of Luke Burnett and Daniel Chaulk into the attack only reinforced Centurions' upper hand – Dan picking up 4 for 18 from 8 overs, including a devastating spell when he took 3 wickets in 4 deliveries.

Luke bowled 9 overs and picked up 3 for 23. The remaining two wickets were down to Lewis Cuddihy, who ended with 2 for 4 from 2.4 overs as Croesy ended on 70 all out.

A satisfying win, which will see Centurions climb the table due to the 25 points gained.

Croesyceiliog-Woodlands 70 all out. Sully 186 all out.

FRIENDLY

ON Sunday, Centurions made the trip to Abercarn and came away with a victory by 83 runs.

Batting first, David Goodway and Shae Ellis both enjoyed themselves, making it look easy as the runs piled up.

Quimby's 144 not out was the pick of the day, with Shae's 52 and a nice 35 from Lewis Doel also helping to set a formidable total of 258 for 4 at the end of the allotted overs.

The home side were always up against it and were never in touch with the required run rate. Wickets fell at regular intervals and Abercarn ended on 171 all out.

A comprehensive victory that rounded off a pleasant afternoon for Sully.

Abercarn 171 all out, Sully 258 for 4.

JUNIORS

THE under-13s played twice this week and won both their games at home against Pentyrch and Whitchurch respectively.

First up was Pentyrch, who were bowled out for 48. There were two wickets each for Luke Sylvester, Alex Langrish, and Joe Hayer.

The target was reached in nine overs without the loss of any wickets, with Alex Langrish 26 not out and Ethan McInnery 9 not out.

In the second game against Whitchurch, the opposition were bowled out for 36 with 3 wickets for Luke Sylvester and two each for Callum Lee and Tom Edwards.

The reply wasn't as straightforward as the previous game as wickets were lost at regular intervals, but finally with six wickets down, the required total was reached.

Tom Edwards finished on 18 not out

100 CLUB

THE July draw for Centurions' 100 Club took place last Saturday at the home of club sponsors, the Seashore Grill.

Winning numbers were 49, 34 and 7.

Congratulations to the winners.

Big win helps Stags' promotion push

BARRY ATHLETIC ROUND-UP

BARRY Athletic CC First XI took a massive step towards promotion, after a crushing seven-wicket victory over Welsh Asians CC at the Barry Oval.

With the pitch on the green side and assistance being provided to the bowlers, it was a case of commonsense when Nathan Baker won the toss and chose to bowl first.

To the Stags' expectations, the visitors went to their usual 'plan of attack' with an aggressive batting strategy. However, this plan heavily backfired when wickets falling were a frequent event.

Excellent bowling displays from Peter Hellyar (5-26) and Steve Jones (5-61), along with some superb fielding performances from Jake Griffett and Gavin White, kept the visitors at bay, dismissing Welsh Asians for just 109 in 26.2 overs.

After the tea session, the Stags knew that it was a case of whether they had the patience to bat the overs needed to win and not losing too many wickets.

The pendulum slightly swung towards the visitors, after the departures of Gavin White (16), Lee Morgan (17) and Nathan Baker (17). The Stags knew that they just needed one decent partnership to secure victory and with the contributions of Steve Provis (42 not out) and Ian Gadd (12 not out), the Stags strolled over the finish line and claimed a huge win to bolster their promotion hopes, to the delight of the Stag Army.

With victory, the Stags move above Welsh Asians CC into second place in Division Three, and with favourable fixtures coming up in the next few weeks, there could be a sense of optimism as the season comes close to its climax.

SECOND XI WIN 'NAIL BITER'

WITH the absence of captain, Simon Phillips, due to personal reasons, Martin Baker was on hand to deputise as Barry Athletic CC Second XI claimed a fantastic five-wicket victory over Welsh Asians CC, at Cathedral School.

Despite the misty and overcast conditions, the home side won the toss and chose to bat first.

The usual play of aggressive batting was abandoned in the opening overs, as a result of some fine displays of swing and seam bowling from opening pair, Maqsood Anwar and Dafydd Frost.

Both bowlers were on top of their game as Welsh Asians were kept on the back foot and gave the Stags a fantastic start. The addition of some top quality bowling from Steve 'Sir Stick' Jones gave the Stags firm foundations to build on. However, these foundations weren't exploited to their full potential as numerous opportunities were wasted.

The Stags were made to pay for their mistakes as the home side gradually came back into the match. The stand out performance came from Azmat Khan, who held the innings together for over 40 overs while hitting a magnificent score of 142, and if it wasn't for his contribution, the home side would have struggled towards the end of the innings.

The fielding displays were well below par, with several wicket-taking chances going begging. Despite that, catches from Andrew Buckland and Ashley Baker, and run outs from Jones and Buckland helped the Stags as the Welsh Asians closed on a mammoth score of 266-8 from their 50 overs.

After the tea session, the Stags began strongly with some quick runs coming from the partnership of Paul Murphy and Ashley Baker. However, after both batsmen did a fine job in seeing off a tricky opening 10 overs, both batsmen departed in fairly quick succession, leaving the Stags with a recovery job on their hands.

Damon Leake and Buckland wasted no time in picking off some pretty average bowling, from the home side. Both batsmen kept up with the required rate to show their class in a 149-run partnership. A mixture of boundaries and quick running were seen from all angles in what was a fine display of batting from the Stag pair.

Shortly after, disaster struck; Buckland pulled up with a hamstring problem, meaning that Baker jnr was recalled as a runner for Buckland.

This helped up the run-rate with Baker's quick running to give the visitors more momentum. The newly-formed partnership of Baker and Buckland lasted a few overs before Buckland clubbed the ball to long-on and was dismissed on a more than impressive 63.

Leake followed soon after, guiding the ball straight at backward point, for 80. Jones contributed with a more than useful 31 and with 14 runs needed from the final two overs, it was Jonathan Phillips (21 not out) who hit the winning runs, with five balls to spare.

THIRD XI WIN THRILLER

IN the absence of Andy Ellis, Ashley Baker was on hand to lead Barry Athletic Third XI in an exciting match against Barry West End CC.

West End showed no hesitation in asking the Stags to bat first, but the decision was immediately justified with Baker departing for a duck, after being trapped lbw by Tommy Miller and Jake Griffett being bowled by Alan Mansfield.

If the Stags were to gain any momentum in this innings, then someone had to settle quickly.

Thankfully, this was the case as Scott Malpas fired the home side into a respectable position and back into the match. However, with the likes of Jonathan Phillips (10) and Edryd Thomas (6) departing early, Malpas was running out of batting partners and with the tail-ending batsmen already in, after 25 overs, he had to stay and keep scoring quickly.

An impressive bowling display from Ashley Davies (5-20) ensured that the Stags found it tough towards the end of the innings.

Eventually, Malpas ran out of partners and was caught in the deep, by Mansfield, for 90. At the end of the innings, Baker wasted no time in paying tribute to the West End for recalling young debutant, Keiron Ferriday, after being stumped first ball for another chance to bat.

After the mid-session interval, the Stags kept control of the run rate of the West End innings. Batsmen Neil Holmes and Rhys Howell found it hard to score runs as the Stags looked to apply some early pressure.

Soon that pressure told as Neil Holmes was run out by Tom Ellis, bringing in star batsman, Ian Gadd.

However, that tag was short-lived as Gadd was bowled by Baker, for a duck, in what proved to be a fine display of off-spin.

Rhys Howell (17), Nathan Vann (6), Pat Cowley (9) and Ashley Davies (4) all fell to Baker as he claimed his first ever five-wicket haul with figures of 5-18 from eight overs.

The bowling was strong for the Stags, with Tony Esposti (2-19), Rhys Hatton and Keiron Ferriday all providing tight bowling spells.

The Stags had fought their way back into the match and got their rewards when Dafydd Frost (2-17) claimed the last two wickets to secure a six-run victory.

The BACC hierarchy would like to pass on their congratulations to the Barry Midweek XI for reaching their first 2/35 Midweek Cup Final, after defeating Barry West End by 9 wickets.

The Stags will face John Gee's Tynewydd Inn CC, after they pulled off a fine 15-run victory over Llantwit Major Cavaliers CC.

The date for the Cup Final is yet to be confirmed.

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Rhoose ladies scoop the medals in surf ski series

FOLLOWING the Rhoose girls' success in the second round of the under-16 girls' GB Surf Ski Series, sponsored by Icon Surf and supported by Surf Lifesaving GB, at Saunton Sands, Emma Braggins and Tayla Edgerton of Rhoose Lifeguards travelled to Carbis Bay, Cornwall on July 23.

They gained second and third places respectively in the final round of the series. These fantastic results guaranteed Emma first place (gold) and Tayla second place (silver) overall in the 2011 Surf Ski Series. Well done girls.

Congratulations also to Karen O'Donaghue-Harris on gaining gold in the Masters Ladies section and to Teg Young (Silver) and Eloise Neighbour (Bronze) in the under-19 girls section.

The club would also like to congratulate all its members who entered the Rhoose Ski Race. The conditions were very testing and you all did extremely well. Special thanks to the coaches and families of club members for their **EE**

Emma Braggins and Tayla Edgerton of Rhoose Lifeguards both won medals in Cornwall in the surf ski series.

Wessex Hyundai has a spectacular launch in Cardiff

ABOVE: (Left to right) Keith Brock, MD Wessex, Tony Whitehorn, MD Hyundai, and James Courtney, general manager, Wessex Hyundai.

IT'S OFFICIAL! Wessex Hyundai opened in spectacular style at its launch party in the new purpose-built solus facility at Penarth Road, Cardiff.

Tony Whitehorn, the MD of Hyundai, officially opened the dealership, alongside Steve Patch, the founder and chairman and Keith Brock, the group managing director.

Mr Brock spoke of the business "growing steadily for the last 15 years". Today, it sees six businesses with 17 franchised facilities and more than 50 per cent of the Wessex group activities now based in south Wales.

Mr Brock said: "Staffing the new Hyundai dealership brings the total employees to over 17 people.

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One of the highlights of the night saw lucky winner, Kevin Canham, receive the keys from Tony Whitehorn for a brand new Hyundai i10, after winning the Wessex 'Hide a Hyundai' campaign.

Guests had the opportunity to view and test drive the fantastic new Hyundai model range and learn about the unique five-year triple care warranty.

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Aberkenfig's Delyth follows up a rare Arabian hat-trick

PICTURED: Delyth Thomas (left) along with jockey Matthew Stanley.
(Photographs courtesy of www.thejockey.co.uk)

ABOVE: Noble Athlete (far right)
(Photographs courtesy of www.thejockey.co.uk)

ON AND OFF THE TURF
with Brian Lee

MEET one of the leading lights in the world of Arabian horse-racing. She's Aberkenfig's Delyth Thomas!

Delyth, who has been racing Arabian horses for some years, has owned and trained more winners than she can remember and a rare hat-trick with her *Jamaahir*, *Roches Du Cayrou* and *Noble Athlete* at Wolverhampton has been one of the highlights this season.

Her prolific nine-year-old *Noble Athlete* went on to win at the recent big Dubai meeting at Newbury landing the £2,225 Derrinstown Stakes.

Noble Athlete was ridden by Matthew Stanley and she told me: "You will be hearing a lot more about Matthew who is an excellent rider."

Delyth should know as she has ridden plenty of winners herself in her younger days.

TIM'S DOUBLE Aberthin's Tim Vaughan landed a 33–1 double at Uttoxeter last week with Grand Art 2–1 and Bahr Nothing 10–1.

The former won the selling hurdle by three parts of a length from Fine Lace, trained just up the road from Bahr Nothing at Llancarfan by Evan Williams, and the latter took the handicap hurdle coming home three lengths ahead of Torran Sound. Both were ridden by Richard Johnson who hails from Hereford.

Tim also won with Present Your Case at Perth but his first visit as a trainer to 'Glorious Goodwood' was something of a disappointment as his Spirit Of Adjisa trailed in last but one of the 19 runners after being up with the pace for most of the way.

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St Andrews Major GC gets a new champion

FOLLOWING the recent ladies and juniors club championships, St Andrews Major Golf Club hosted what is considered to be the most prestigious competition in its calendar, the men's club championship.

The competition was played over two days in a competitive but friendly atmosphere, and at the end of the first day, there were at least 16 players in contention for the coveted title.

Wayne Cummins held a narrow lead at the halfway stage for the gross score and Martin Ellis headed up the nett score at the close of play on day one.

The second day's play saw the groups teeing off in order of their scores, with the higher scorers off first and the main contenders, with the best scores after the first day, taking the later tee off times.

There were some excellent scores on both days, none more so than Harry Lewis, the junior captain, who, while competing against the men on the second day, hit a superb 71 gross!

The last group out consisted of Dean Smith, Wayne Cummins, Mike Jones and Jeff Westcott.

The golf was excellent and all four vied for the top position before Mike Jones' consistency and calmness under pressure saw him ease into a slight lead, which he maintained to the end, earning him the well-deserved title of club champion 2011.

Martin Ellis receiving the nett trophy.

Mike Jones – club champion.

Martin Ellis carried on where he left off at the end of the first day to clinch the nett championship, despite gallant efforts from Tim Sharpe, Russell Barnett, Craig Johansen and Mike Seymour.

All the players thanked the members of the ladies section whose 'ball spotting', card checking and updating of the boards ensured the competition ran smoothly.

As always, the ever industrious competitions secretary and vice captain, Neil Tipples, ensured the competition went without a hitch and despite playing in it himself, still managed to get all the results logged onto the master scoreboard, with the help of handicap secretary, Mike Edwards and produce a list of individual placings.

The club captain, John Bryan, thanked everybody for making this one of the most exciting and enjoyable weekends of the year.

He also thanked the groundstaff for the excellent condition of the course, which was echoed by all the players, before presenting the trophies.

A beaming Martin Ellis received the nett trophy, and an ecstatic Mike Jones took the coveted club champion trophy – to thunderous applause from players who had either stayed on after their games, or returned to the club to honour a well respected winner.

Evan's double

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams had an 'across the card' double at Stratford and Ffos Las last Thursday.

His four-year-old Taroum won the opening maiden hurdle at Stratford and in the evening at Ffos Las' flat fixture, his six-year-old West With The Wind took the two-mile Porsche Cardiff Handicap.

The former, ridden by Paul Moloney, was made the 13-8 favourite and scored by 19 lengths from Dazzling Rita and the latter, a 7-2 chance, which I believe gave Evan his first winner on the flat at the west Wales course, won by just half-a-length under KT O'Neill.

At far flung Perth, Tim Vaughan's Slip, the 6-1 outsider of three, came home a head in front of the odds-on favourite Al Qeddaaf with Definete All Star a further half-a-length back; Slip was ridden by Richard Johnson. **BRIAN LEE**

Praise for young Scorpions after narrow league defeat

SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS 6
ROCHDALE HORNETS 13
By Ian Golden at The Gnoll

SOUTH Wales Scorpions, fielding a much under-strength side due to injuries and absentees, and including three 18-year-olds and one 19-year old, gave one of their best performances of the season, despite being on the wrong end of a 13-6 scoreline.

Both sides played very good Rugby League throughout the game, completing a good percentage of sets in the first half but with defences on top.

Like the Crusaders at Wakefield, the Scorpions seemed more enthused than in recent weeks and were determined to prove that despite last week's events, Rugby League is still alive and well in Wales.

This defeat means that the Scorpions, who fielded 13 Welshmen in the 17-man squad, will not take place in the end of season play-offs unless they can produce three large wins – and Oldham have three heavy defeats – as Oldham have a better points difference.

One of Scorpions' 18-year olds, Jack Pring, thought that he'd opened the scoring with a try on his debut after catching Casey Bromilow's high bomb, but the referee ruled it out for obstruction.

Finally the deadlock was broken on 23 minutes when Rochdale substitute Steve McDermott broke through from short range to ground just left of the posts. Liam McGovern converted.

They doubled their lead six minutes later when Wayne English slipped over. McGovern goaled again.

However, Scorpions struck back just before the break, with one of their best tries of the season.

Bromilow, playing a very good game, made it by twisting, turning and bamboozling the Hornets defence and was just short of scoring himself.

From the next play, Andrew Gay set up Rhodri Lloyd for his first try in a Scorpions shirt. Lewis Reece converted.

Early in the second half, Lloyd thought he'd scored his second but the referee ruled it out for a knock-on in the build-up.

Scorpions kept the pressure on. Bromilow kicked through to Roets who didn't score but a goal-line drop-out was forced.

From the restart, Roets, who had an outstanding game in defence as well as attack, looked as if he had scored but the referee ruled it out for a forward pass after consulting with the touch-judge.

To confound Scorpions' frustrations, Steve Parry was held-up over the line on the final tackle of the next set.

McGovern missed a second field-goal attempt four minutes before the end but Paul Crook finally landed one with less than a minute to go to seal the three points for the Hornets.

Hornets coach John Stankevitch, like John Devereux last week, blasted the quality of match officials in the Co-operative Championships.

"For both sides I thought the match officials were absolutely embarrassing," he said.

Welsh junior golf teams selected

TWO Vale players are representing Wales in the Boys Home International matches (August 2-4), at Royal St David's Golf Club, Harlech.

The full team is: Oliver Baker (Cardiff); David Boote (Walton Heath); Jack Bush (Morlais Castle); Oliver Dickson (Pennard); Zac Galliford (Borth & Ynyslas); Ryan Haskell (Celtic Manor); Delon Hau (Vale of Glamorgan); Otto Mand (Dewstow); Oliver Mottram (St Pierre); Patrick Mullins (Whitchurch); Ryan Thomas (Vale of Glamorgan).

TWO local girls, Katie Bradbury and Myriam Hassan, are representing Wales in the Girls Home International matches (August 3-5), at Gullane Golf Club, Scotland.

The full team is: Amy Boulden (Lladudno, Maesdu); Katie Bradbury (Cottrell Park); Jessica Evans (Newport); Nia Greville (Ashburnham); Myriam Hassan (Southerndown); Georgia Lewis (Llanishen); Sara Rees-Evans (Penrhos); Chloe Williams (Wrexham).

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On-form Nick takes the Captain's Prize after long weekend

THE captain's prize is one of the most important events in the diary at Brynhill (Barry) Golf Club.

Held over a weekend in July, 36 holes are played, with an overall winner receiving the Captain's Prize.

This year's winner was Nick Daniels, who received his trophy from captain Steve Jones.

With a nett score of 139 over the two days, playing off a handicap of six, this was Nick's finest hour since he represented Wales in the World Deaf Golf Championships in Australia.

Scott Bowman took the best gross prize. Playing off scratch, he recorded rounds of 72 (par) and 68, remarkable golf in the windy conditions.

The captain, affectionately known as T-Bone, thanked the greens staff for the excellent condition of the course and the ladies at the Halfway House, who collected plenty of money for charity selling cider, beer and soft drinks, as well as home-made pasties and sausage rolls.

An excellent weekend, played in beautiful sunshine but a stiff breeze, with nearly 200 golfers playing, made this an exciting competition, with scores coming in right until the end which affected the placings – good nailbiting stuff for those in contention.

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Scott Bowman receives his trophy for the best gross score from captain Steve Jones.

Nick Daniels.

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WANDERERS BEAT ABERCYNON THANKS TO KUNAL AND TOOZER

BARRY Wanderers Cricket Club Second team entertained Abercynon Seconds in a Conference Division One Reserve League match at Hayes Point last Saturday.

The visitors' skipper Ian Moses won the toss and after much deliberation, decided to invite Wanderers to bat on a track which did carry some moisture at first.

Wanderers' captain Chris Barnes and Pete Coleman went about making a solid start to proceedings against the medium pace of Abercynon's Dave Kew and the guile of Harry Singh.

Both openers cracked solid boundaries at will until in the 12th over, but both departed with the score on 47.

Barnes pulled a short ball straight into Singh's hands at square leg for 22 and Coleman was caught behind for 16 off the change bowling of Tom Robinson.

A change of personnel at the crease in the shape of Paul George and Kunal Mhadgut saw both score freely at this stage.

Kunal, in particular, found the necessary gaps to keep the scoreboard ticking over and this pair put on 117 for the third wicket until George misjudged a high full toss and was bowled by Widderington for 42.

Kunal was joined in the middle by the evergreen Elwyn Toozer, who made a swift 15 before being smartly stumped down the leg side by Abercynon skipper Moses.

Kunal successfully reached his 50 with a push into the offside, and with Damian Davies he began to accelerate the run rate against some inept Abercynon bowling.

They scored 102 runs in 11 overs, with Kunal securing his century in the process, 'holing out' to a smart catch at long-on in the final over for a magnificent 128.

Davies remained unbeaten on 44 as Wanderers racked up 315-5 in their 45 overs, while the best bowling for Abercynon came from Tom Robinson, with 3-49.

After the interval, the Abercynon reply started very cautiously with openers Moses and Singh facing the Wanderers' opening attack of Neil Mantell and Nekkanti.

The breakthrough came in Nekkanti's opening over when Singh edged to slip, where Kunal gleefully snapped up the catch.

Widderington joined Moses in the middle and both batsmen were quite happy to see the ball whizz by or 'dead bat' the ball, making no honest attempt to force the scoring.

Wanderers' skipper Barnes tossed the ball to Toozer for him to give it some air and sure enough, with his second ball, he bowled Widderington for three.

Dave Kew came in and hit Toozer for a few lusty blows out at cow-corner before misjudging a full toss from the same bowler, who took responsibility for the skier and Kew was dismissed for 18.

After his departure, the Abercynon dressing room became a revolving door as Toozer ripped through the middle order, leaving Abercynon all out for a miserable 92, with Elwyn Toozer taking 6-35.

The only highlight in the visitors' batting came from captain Ian Moses who, from opening the Abercynon innings, carried his bat for a brave 31 not out.

Well done to Barry Wanderers, winning by a massive 223 runs and the Dock View Auto Centre man-of-the-match award went to Kunal Mhadgut for his fabulous ton.

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Imps' awards night success

CADOXTON Imps recently held their annual presentation night, which included their under-15 squad receiving their league runners-up medals.

A spokesman for the squad commented: "What a fantastic night we all had, it was great to reflect on how well all of the mini and junior teams had done last season. The team are all proud to represent such a great club with an outstanding history.

"We would all like to say a big thank you to Gary, Martin, Len, Ian and all of the committee who put so much time and effort into ensuring the club runs so efficiently each season," he added.

The main honours for the under-15 squad this year were very difficult to choose as every one of the squad made a valued contribution, but the final choices were: top goalscorer – **Jordan Williams**; most improved – **Jacob Burgess**; clubman – **Sam Rees Davies**; manager's player – **Ashley Cottle** and player's player – **Ben Pearce**.

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Central bowlers struggle in vital match at Rumney

AFTER two unfortunate defeats against the top two teams, it was vital that Central won their game against Rumney Buccaneers who were in fifth position in the league, on the same points as the home team.

With so many byes being introduced this season due to the demise of Heath Bowling Club, it appeared that any team in the top five could be in with a chance of promotion.

The game started steadily and it was only the rinks of Ted Hudd and Brian Castle which were in front after 10 ends.

Unfortunately, the pressure built up on Brian's rink and after a 17 shot to 6 lead, the opposition came back strongly and registered 12 shots without reply.

Brian's team pulled back a three on the 19th end and with a superb bowl by lead Colin Ditchburn on the last end, and further consolidation by Brian, it saw the home team win by four shots.

Ted Hudd, in comparison to Brian, seemed to have an easier afternoon being in front during the majority of the game. A buffer of eight shots from the 16th end proved to be invaluable and was a target that the opposition could not overcome and the result ended with a seven-shot win for Ted.

John Jones' rink, with a late change at lead, found the going tough, with the Rumney lead G Jones and his team a difficult nut to crack.

John found his rink down by eight shots after the 10th end but with vocal support from spectators, found himself and his team in with a chance of a win.

This proved to be the case and with a one-shot lead on the last end, John's third, Haydn Spencer, decided to take the one which enabled Central to win the game and claim another two points for a win.

Captain, Alan Davies, had a very tight game and it was 'nip and tuck' for all the 21 ends played.

After 13 ends, the game was poised at 17 shots each but with Alan's rink not scoring for the next six ends, the bowlers from Rumney found themselves seven shots up with four ends to go.

A three on the 18th end proved to be the nail in the coffin for Alan's rink, but a spirited reply earning Alan a three on the 20th end did not rescue the situation, with his team going down by five shots.

The overall result was a win for the home team by a close seven shots and a valuable 12-point victory.

Results: Rink 1: G Young, C Goldman, D Parsons and A Davies (captain) 21-26; Rink 2: I King, I Hooper, H Spencer and J Jones 16-15; Rink 3: C Ditchburn, T Kaged, A Rogers and B Castle 22-18; Rink 4: K Ford, D Jenes, B Hutchins and E Hud 19-12.

Totals: Barry Central BC 78 shots, Rumney Buccaneers 71 shots, (Central 12 points, Rumney 2 points).

GT

ROMILLY 'A' TEAM PICK UP VITAL AWAY POINTS AFTER FINE PERFORMANCE AT ELY

BARRY Romilly A travelled to Trelai Park to play Ely in their eighth game of the season with high hopes of a good result, due to recent successes.

The weather was very close, and for the most part so was the game, with both sides taking the overall lead at one point.

It has to be said that the green had seen better days and was not in a good condition, which was an advantage for the home side.

Rink 2, skipped by Vince McFarland, got off to a balanced start with the scores evenly distributed, both teams taking a 2 on alternate ends.

By the time that the game paused for tea at 10 ends, the Romilly men were narrowly in the lead by 9 shots to 8, winning six of the 10 ends played.

Unfortunately, as seems to be the case on many an occasion, the stop for tea can be the breaking of one side and the making of the other and this was certainly the case for the Romilly men who failed to get started on the re-commencement of the game.

Winning only three of the remaining 11 ends, they were beaten by 21 shots to 14.

E Palmer, B Foster, M Lewis, M Sigallouse (21) v K Clements, R Phillips, P Hoad, V McFarland (14).

Rink 3 skipped by A Woolcock had a hard battle on their hands right from the start and at the break for tea they were 10-8 down with both sides winning five of the first 10 ends.

After the break, the Romilly men took a good lead in the next five ends to lead by 17 shots to 11 at the 15th end.

The Ely side would not, however, give up the fight and won four of the next six ends to finish up winners with the narrowest of margins with 21 shots to 20. A very even contest with Romilly sneaking the end count winning 11 ends but losing by the one shot.

P Smith, A Jones, F Parsons, G Mansfield (21) v L Jones, J Coles, R Hewitson, A Woolcock (20).

Rink 4, skipped by Bryn Gough, won five of the first 10 ends and went in for tea 14 shots to 7 up.

After the break, they kept up the pressure on the Ely four, and winning six of the remaining 11 ends with a 4 and a 5, were able to comfortably win the rink by 27 shots to 14 which not only provided Romilly with two points, but a good shot difference to go toward winning the extra six points on offer for the overall aggregate score.

L Parsons, B St Clair, K Berry, J Keegan (14) v K Wesgate Snr, W James, A Jones, B Gough(27).

Rink 5, skipped by Bill Hewitt, had a great first 10 ends, winning only five ends but with an impressive seven-shot total on the third end to make the score at tea 15 shots to 6 in their favour.

After tea, as was said earlier, the game can turn on its head so easily.

Within three ends of the restart, the Romilly men found themselves 16 shots to 15 down with the Ely four scoring a 3, a 6 and a 1 in consecutive ends.

With another two shots claimed by the Ely men, the score read 18 shots to 16 in favour of Ely on 15 ends.

The Romilly four then dug in their heels and found their bowling heads again to win the remaining six ends with three 1s, two 2s and a 3 to run out winners by 25 shots to 18 and another valuable two points.

B Sullivan, K John, P Mallon, C Dunstone (18) v C Davies, A Burdge, D Bannister, W Hewitt (25).

With the scores added up, the Romilly total was enough to win the aggregate score and claim the six points on offer.

Score: Ely 4 points (74 shots), Barry Romilly 10 points (86).

VM

Barry Athletic's fine double against Cardiff

BARRY Athletic Bowling Club's in-form first and second teams recorded a fine double against Cardiff Athletic last Saturday.

Robert Horgan's PG1 squad continued their push for promotion with an impressive 99 shots to 62 win – and a maximum 14 points – at the Island.

Not to be outdone, Paul Clarke's PG2 lineup came away from the Arms Park with 12 points and a runaway 103-53 scorecard to remain top of their section.

Chris Wright, a Wales under-25 trialist, who has slotted in at skip in recent weeks, was in good form at the Island with a 24-10 score.

Robert Horgan's rink completed a comfortable afternoon (23-9), while Chris Blake's formation included two sixes and a five in a 32-24 win.

Glyn Thomas had a one-shot victory on his rink to complete the whitewash.

It was a useful 'work-out' for the Athletic's senior team before Saturday's Carruthers Shield quarter-final against Ammanford at Barry Island.

SCORES : PG1

D Snelling, K Harris, G Whittaker, C Blake 32-24; J Beanland, P Webley, B Parrish, C Wright 24-10.

G Gane, D Jones, R Cowling, G Thomas 20-19; S McKernan, L Stanley, DK Williams, R Horgan 23-9.

There were a number of outstanding all-round performances at Cardiff Athletic, with Colin Spillane and his strong rink of Eric Booker, Albert Mintern and Ivor Stevenson, coasting to a 34-9 win.

Billy Wright collected two sixes in a 26-12 success in a settled rink of Don Evans, Paul Clarke and Mike Vaughan.

Gareth Humphrey's rink was consistent throughout the afternoon with Bill Summerell in excellent form up front.

SCORES : PG2

J Ball, B Summerell, D Newman, G Humphreys 30-12; E Booker, A Mintern, I Stevenson, C Spillane 34-9; D Evans, P Clarke, M Vaughan, B Wright 26-12; C Phillips, R James, G Jones, J Donovan 13-20.

World ranked bowler Jason Greenslade (Penarth) and his playing partner Richard Morgan (Penylan), won the Ron Thomas Open Pairs Final at Barry Island on Sunday.

In an excellent final, they held off the keen challenge of Sully pair Peter Rogers and Dave Curtis to take the trophy and the winners' cheque.

Richard, a former WBA Singles champion, is the son of Jim Morgan, one of the Athletic's Centenary captains this season.

Barry Athletic's interest in the Open event ended in the quarter-finals on Friday night when Chris Blake. Robert Horgan and Glyn Thomas were eliminated.

The week-long competition, now firmly established on the bowling calendar, was again well organised by Dave Newman.

CP

Barrivale Bridge Club latest results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

Tuesday, July 19 – First, Mick Green and Mark Roderick 63.19 per cent; second, Mike Close and Denis Mottram 61.9; third, Irene Thomas and Jane Brook 53.97.

Judith Owen and Helen Jordan took the competition on handicap.

Tuesday, July 26 – First, Denis Mottram and Jane Brook 59.38 per cent; joint second, Mike Best and Mark Roderick 56.25; joint second, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 56.25.

Alan and Lyn won on handicap.

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The preliminary Welsh squad. In the picture are: Scott Andrews, Gethin Jenkins (Blues), Lloyd Burns (Dragons), Huw Bennett, Ryan Bevington, Adam Jones, Paul James (Ospreys), Ken Owens, Matthew Rees (Scarlets), Craig Mitchell (Exeter Chiefs). Bradley Davies, Sam Warburton, Martyn Williams (Blues), Luke Charteris, Danny Lydiate, Toby Faletau (Dragons), Ryan Jones, Alun Wyn Jones, Jonathan Thomas, Justin Tipuric (Ospreys), Josh Turnbull, (Scarlets), Gareth Delve (Melbourne Rebels), Andy Powell (Sale Sharks). Michael Phillips (Bayonne), Lloyd Williams (Blues), Tavis Knoyle (Scarlets). Jamie Roberts (Blues), James Hook (Perpignan), Jonathan Davies, Stephen Jones, Rhys Priestland, Scott Williams (Scarlets) Gavin Henson (unattached). Leigh Halfpenny (Blues), Lee Byrne (Clermont Auvergne), Aled Brew (Dragons), Shane Williams (Ospreys), George North, Morgan Stoddart (Scarlets).

First pointer to Gatland's way

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

TODAY (Thursday, March 4) Wales head coach, Warren Gatland, unveils his 22 players who will head to Twickenham for the 121st encounter with England on Saturday, in a match he knows full well carries more than the usual significance.

Given the age-old passions aroused (at least on this side of Offa's Dyke) by meetings between these two fierce rugby rivals, it was disturbing enough for Welsh fans when the men in white finally edged ahead in the series, with 55 wins to Wales' 53, and 12 matches drawn.

Gatland will not want to be the head coach that sees this gap widen further, with a second Rugby World Cup warm-up match between the two following hard on its heels a week later at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

While that in itself may not pre-occupy him unduly, there is no doubting the extra pressures on his shoulders as he marshals his forces in the run-in to the RWC finals in his homeland next month.

Failure against the English would be a bad enough blow to his pride, but he also knows the bleak fate that eventually befell his predecessor in the equivalent 2007 World Cup warm-up match when a weakened Welsh team was bullied off the park in a record 62-5 defeat at Twickenham.

That was followed by the humiliation of defeat by Fiji and an early exit from the Rugby World Cup – something this proud Kiwi would simply not countenance, particularly in front of his own countrymen, who are odds-on favourites to win the tournament.

Hence, no doubt, his motivation in putting his initial 39-man squad through the mental and physical mill, during a summer that has included two sessions of 'deep freeze torture' in a Polish training camp.

With a third warm-up game scheduled against Argentina in Cardiff, on August 20, just before the Welsh squad is whittled down to 30 before leaving for New Zealand, he candidly maintains:

"*We have established a nucleus of players who will form our RWC squad, based on their performances in training over the recent weeks, but it is now time to translate those efforts on to the field.*

"The players have worked hard, but places are still very much up for grabs and a lot will depend on what we see over the course of these next three games.

"We have not shied away from the top class quality opposition in preparation for this World Cup, and it doesn't come much tougher than facing the 2003 World Cup winners and 2007 finalists on their own home patch.

"The warm-up fixtures will be tough, but we are in a really tough group at the World Cup and replicating those conditions can ultimately only be of benefit to us."

Welsh supporters, to a man (and woman) will echo the sentiment. England on Saturday will be the first real test and it will be fascinating to see the starting line-up when it is announced today, as an early inkling of Gatland's World Cup thinking.

It is surely inconceivable that he will risk a repeat of the damaging blow to squad morale seen in 2007 by fielding a team ripe for slaughter.

His team will be competitive, though as he has made clear, no conclusions can be drawn as to his final RWC selection that will soon board the plane for Down Under.

For the members of his squad, it will be an anxious waiting game.

Cadoxton bowlers make it two Munro Cup games in a row with a home win

THIS was a welcome second consecutive win in the Munro Cup for Cadoxton when they hosted the match against Dinas Powis; three winning rinks ensured the victory.

The rink skipped by John Stewart was in front throughout the game, except for one end when the scores were level.

Each side won nine ends, with 14 of them singles. The other four brought a two for the opposition, skipped by Alan Jones, and two twos and a three for the home side.

Ashley Brown skipped against Andre Desrosiers, and completed a good win, which included four threes. However, a four and a three were conceded near the end to narrow the gap.

Don Kuhnell made a slow start on his rink against David Parker, and trailed 8-2 after eight ends.

In spite of this they finished comfortable winners without conceding another shot; eight singles and a two were the ensuing ends.

Ivor Robertson skipped the only losing rink, but they partly recovered after they had conceded a six on the 12th end, to leave them 17 shots behind.

Eight shots with one against over the final six ends made sure of the overall aggregate.

Scores: J Stacey, S Clarke, M Curtis, J Stewart – 13–10 – L Peters, P Hanley, T Hurcot, A Jones.

G Solomon, J Maidment, A Carpenter, D Kuhnell – 13–8 – B Griffiths, R Diment, C Bates, D Parker.

B Knight, R Cole, G Brown, A Brown – 23–13 – A Locker, G Welch, P Marks, A Desrosier.

S Clements, L Davies, G Davies, I Robertson – 12–22 – A Marshall, C Leach, R Evans, C Griffiths.

Final score 61 –53.

Cadoxton v Rumney – ML3

The visit to Rumney in the ML3 at last produced a win for Cadoxton, after the frustration of the past matches only producing one previous win.

The previous losses were mostly tight games, marked by a regular inability to hold on to winning positions.

This game was different, with Howard Craven leading the way on his rink to a mammoth 28-shot success, as they conceded shots on just six ends.

There was a break for tea halfway through, when leading 16-4.

Three singles were lost on the resumption, but they soon returned to their winning ways, and collected 20 more shots with just one against.

Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink trailed 4-7 at the break, but a five on the restart brought them back into the game.

The match progressed evenly until a four against gave the home side a five-shot advantage. Two winning last ends for the visitors left them just three shots behind.

The rink skipped by Don Kuhnell opened up a 5-0 lead after three ends. This advantage was not relinquished and was steadily improved upon throughout the game.

Ashley Brown made his first appearance as skip in the club side and failed by just one shot to make it a winning debut.

The advantage fluctuated during the game.

In the early stages they had a 9-3 lead, before two bad ends put them one behind. A four brought them back in front, but four against over the next two ends cancelled this out.

Four singles recovered the lead once more, only for it to be taken away with three twos. The two final ends almost regained the lead but a singles on each left them one short.

Scores: T Bishop, L Davies, G Brown, A Brown,19–20; J Crout, I Robertson, J Stewart, H Craven 36–8; G Solomon, L Cundliffe, J Davies, D Kuhnell 22 –11; P Ellis, G Davies, W Vaughan, K Chedgzoy 15 –18.

Final score 92 - 57.

The 'A' side did not have a game as the arranged friendly match, which was to replace an original cancelled game because the opposition had dropped out of the league, was also called off by the new opposition.

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Barry RFC warm up with a trip to Nelson

WITH the rugby season only four weeks away, Barry's first team will travel to Nelson for a warm- up fixture this Saturday (August 6).

This game is part of their build up to the first league encounter at home to newly-promoted Wattstown, who were undefeated last season, on September 3.

A coach will leave the club at 12.30pm, so why not come along and give the boys some support?

The first team captain this year is Hywel Jones; congratulations to him, and I am sure you will join me in wishing him a successful season, which promises to be challenging to say the least.

On Saturday, August 20, the squad will take part in a 10-a-side competition being organised and played at St Peters' RFC.

The club will once again be running three senior sides this season, with a youth X and, for the first time, the club's ladies' team will be playing league rugby. We wish all players a good, injury free, season.

The annual general meeting of the club will take place on Tuesday, August 23, at 7.45pm.

Members are advised that any matter they wish to raise at the meeting must be in writing, duly seconded by a member, and received by the club secretary no later than Tuesday, August 9.

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Power station helps out young Barry swimmers

BARRY Amateur Swimming Club would like to thank Centrica at Barry Power Station for the very kind donation of swimming hats for all club members.

The swimmers were very excited to receive them during the annual Summer Sprints presentation evening on July 23, at Sully Sports and Social Club.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club. To arrange a trial, telephone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

Members swim at Barry Leisure Centre on Mondays, Fridays and Sunday and at Cardiff International Pool on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information please also look on the Barry Amateur Swimming Club Web Site.

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